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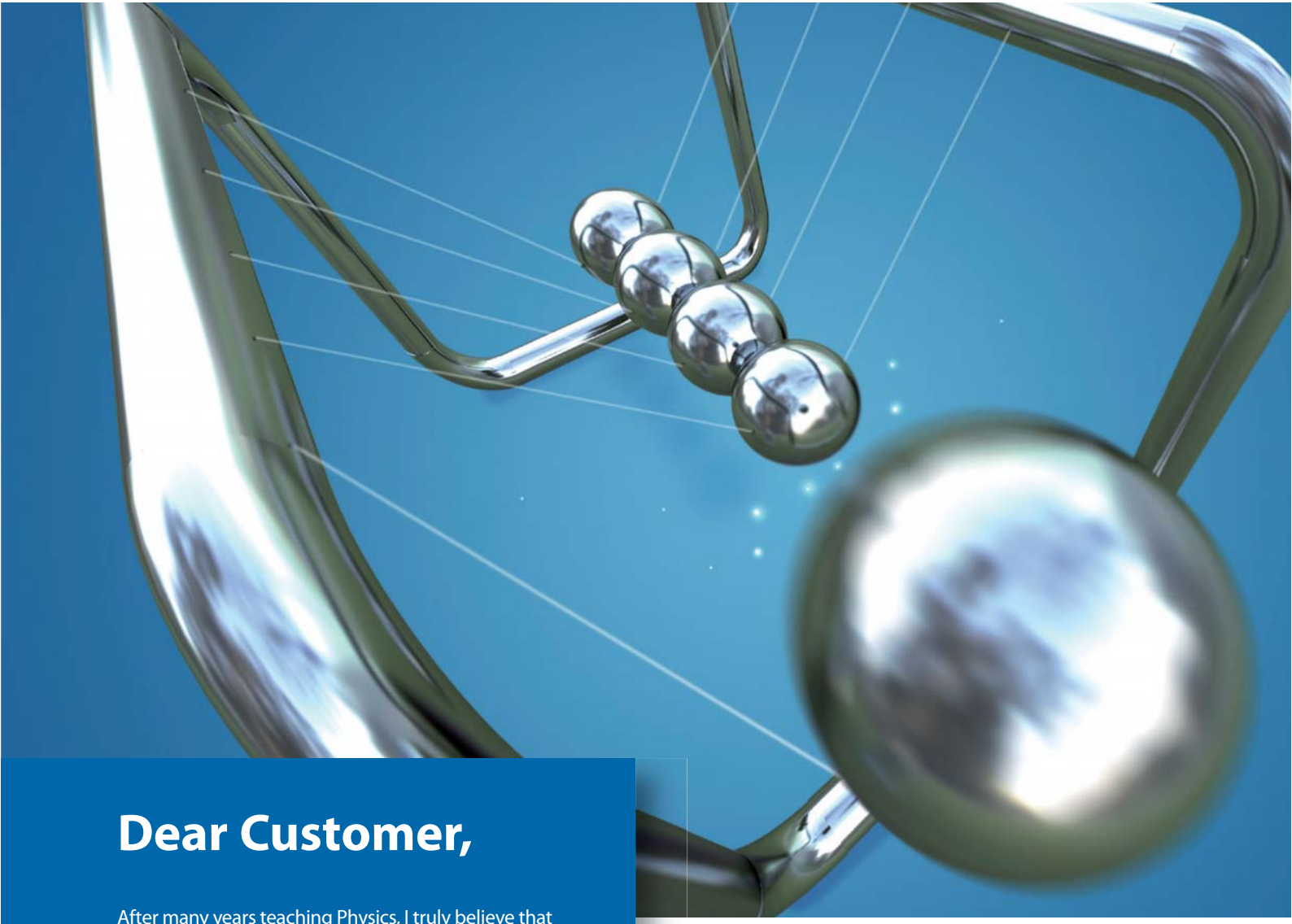

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After many years teaching Physics, I truly believe that effective learning comes from direct experiences. With this in mind, Altay's R&D Physics Dept. is engaged in designing and developing a full range of products that will both motivate students and help teachers to convey theory in a stimulating and exciting way.

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(Confucius)

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Best regards,

Fabrizio Cardarelli

Head
of Altay's Physics
R&D Dept.

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A GLANCE AT ALTAY **NEW** PRODUCTS

Magnetic Board 4114.30
Mechanics Accessories Set 4114.35
Optics Accessories Set 4114.37

Sturdy and versatile, Altay's easy to set-up **Magnetic Board** helps teachers to convey Physics principles in a stimulating and exciting way.

It is the idea visual aid that will enhance teachers' demonstrations while helping students to clearly observe, understand and assimilate scientific concepts with ease.

NEW It is designed to be free standing or wall mounted.

Along with our **new Mechanics Accessories Set** (4114.35) and **Optics Accessories Set** (4114.37), our **Magnetic Board** is a must for your Physics lessons.

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Force Table 4114.11

Our high quality **New Force Table** is the ideal teaching aid for an in depth study of vectors.

Thanks to its easy set-up and innovative structure, the **Altay New Force Table** guarantees accurate results and is compatible with a Dual Range Force sensor.

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NEW

Rotating Coil 4640.60

Demonstrating and investigating principles of generating electricity from a magnetic field, including the Earth's magnetic field, is easy thanks to **Altay's New Rotating Coil!**

Sturdy structure, compatible with sensors and ready to use!

NEW

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Inclined Plane 4115.10

NEW

This most famous simple machine, revisited by Altay, includes some engaging features such as: easy set-up, clearly visible scales and sensor attachments.

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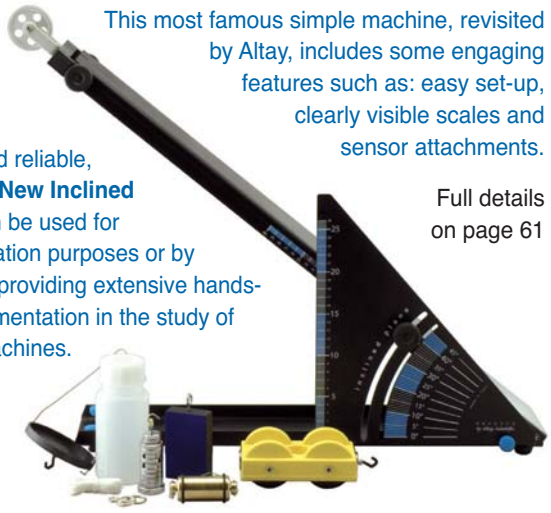
Sturdy and reliable, the **Altay New Inclined Plane** can be used for demonstration purposes or by students, providing extensive hands-on experimentation in the study of simple machines.



Gimbals Magnetic Field Sensor 4640.70

An easy and intuitive way to explore magnetic fields and study magnetism!

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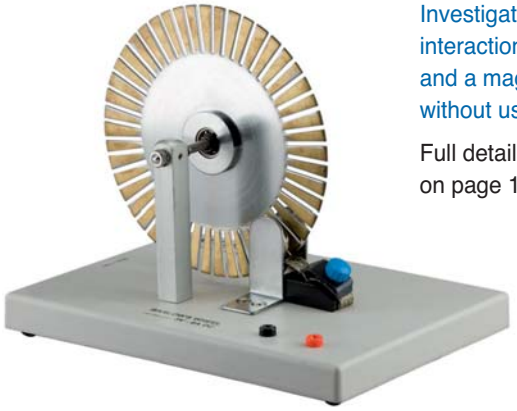
NEW

Barlow's Wheel 4645.02



Investigate the interaction of currents and a magnetic field without using mercury!

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NEW

Altay Docking Station 2236.65

This easy to use, upgradeable **Docking Station** is a low-cost data acquisition system that is compatible with an increasing range of sensors.

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NEW

Buoyancy Balance 4184.93

NEW

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The Altay New Buoyancy Balance is an effective instrument to experience buoyancy of air- when the Balance is located inside a vacuum jar and the air is evacuated, you clearly demonstrate the lack of pressure, as the balance inclines.

Digital Large Display 2236.60

Easily show the results of classroom experiments in any unit of measurement with the **New Digital Large Display**.

NEW

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Variable Inductance 4731.00

The Altay New Variable Inductance apparatus is designed to demonstrate the generation of magnetic fields and the basic principles of inductance.

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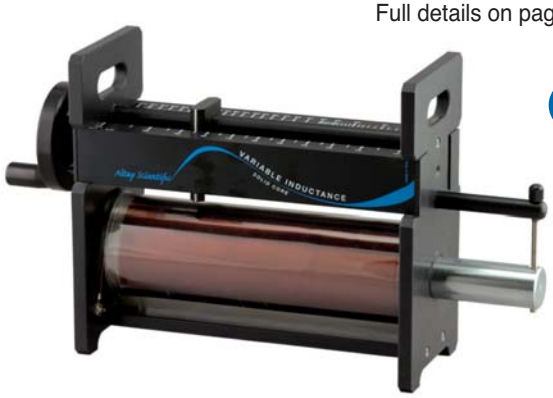

NEW

V, I, P and Phase Shift Meter 2276.10

The Altay V,I,P and Phase Shift Meter is a very useful instrument for conducting all types of electrical measurements.

Easy and practical, it includes a built-in connection to the Altay New Digital Large Display (2236.60).

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NEW

Millikan Apparatus 4836.60

Originally designed by Robert Millikan (1909), the **Altay New Millikan Apparatus** recalls the classic experiment to measure the electric charge of the electron- it's an ideal instrument to begin to explore the basic principles of Modern Physics!

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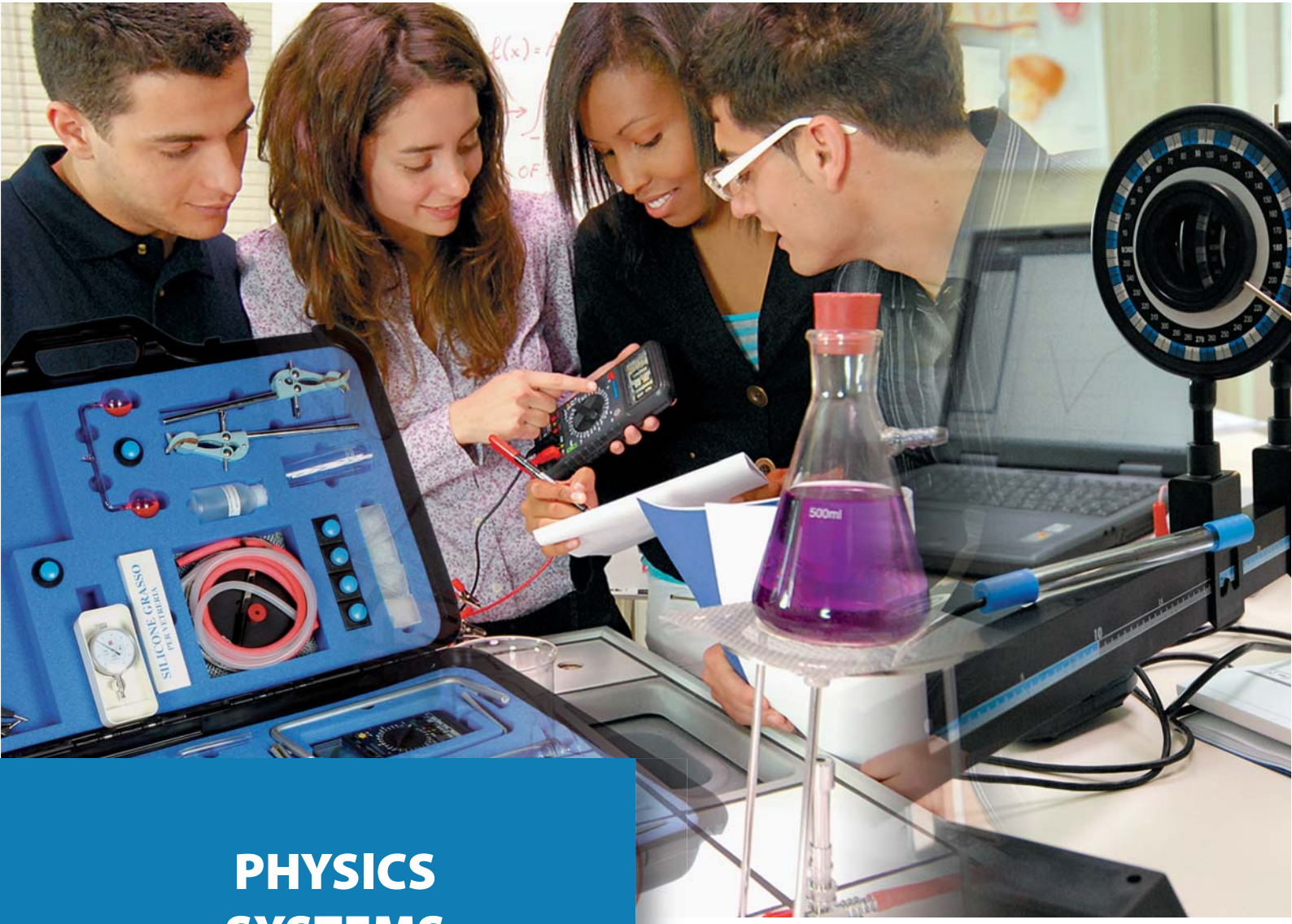


PHYSICS SYSTEMS

With Altay Physics Systems, teachers have everything they need to easily demonstrate all the main scientific principles within Optics, Electricity, Electrostatics, Mechanics, Magnetism and Thermodynamics.

Our flexible, time-saving and easy to set-up systems cover a wide range of experiments interfacing with dataloggers, loggers and sensors.
They are supplied in a sturdy portable case guaranteeing durability, safety and simple storage.

User-friendly instruction manuals provide the guidance necessary to assure a successful learning experience- science principles become simple and clear to understand while enhancing students' curiosity and learning.

Altay's full line of Physics Systems offer you quality, precision and economy in one package – **designed by teachers, for teachers.**

Mechanics System 1

4861.10

An introductory system to study basic mechanics

Mechanics System 1.

Specifications

Size: 83 x 28 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 6 kg
Packing: external suitcase in hard ABS, internal foam for prevention accidental breakage.

Equipment suggested

Electronic Balance (code 2219.30)
Dual Range Force Sensor (code 2311.10)
Motion Detector (code 2310.10)
or Go!Motion (code 2320.10)
LabPro (code 2300.10)
or LabQuest (code 2300.30)
or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

Our high quality Mechanics System 1 comes in a heavy duty ABS plastic carry-case for ease of storage.
Simple to set-up with all components easily accessible.
The system consists of: balance, inclined plane, friction block, weights, simple machines, pulleys, levers, springs and scales.
A variety of experiments can be carried out using this kit.

Components

• Sectional universal base with 3 knob	(2x)	5405.71
• Pulley with hook	(2x)	4112.10
• Plastic Pulley, with metal rod		4112.05
• Scale pan hooked, with metal suspension	(2x)	4113.27
• Friction block		4114.71
• Tubular Spring Balance (Metal) 3N		4110.03
• Tubular Spring Balance (Metal) 6N		4110.05
• Tubular Spring Balance (Metal) 10N		4110.07
• Lever, Holed Rod, with pair of threaded cylinders		4114.13
• Double Side Scale, silk screen printed		2208.20
• Inclined plane, with 3 different track terminals		5491.11
• Multifunction Support Rod, rounded ends, with holes, length 35 cm		5408.91
• Support Rod, rounded ends, length 35 cm	(2x)	5408.81.L350
• Support Rod, rounded ends, length 50 cm	(3x)	5408.81.L500
• Spring leaf, length 30 cm, width 1 cm		4110.91
• Spring leaf, length 30 cm, width 2 cm		4110.92
• Extension Clamp with Rod, diameter 1 cm		5416.20
• Cart for Inclined Plane		4114.82
• Differential pulley (30, 60, and 90 mm diameters)		4112.40
• Differential pulley with two handles (40, 80, and 120 mm diameters)		4112.42
• Goniometric Circle		2216.10
• Tape Measure, 2 m		2211.10
• Vernier caliper, scale 0÷160 mm, accuracy 0.05 mm		2213.10
• Cylindrical mass 10 g	(5x)	4111.08
• Cylindrical mass 25 g	(8x)	4111.10
• Cylindrical mass 50 g	(4x)	4111.12
• Mass 100 g		2221.32
• Mass 50 g	(2x)	2221.30
• Mass 20 g	(2x)	2221.28
• Mass 10 g		2221.26
• Mass 5 g		2221.24
• Mass 2 g	(2x)	2221.22
• Mass 1 g		2221.20
• Flat mass 500 mg		2221.18

Accessory box with part of its contents.

• Flat mass 300 mg		2221.16
• Steel spring with pointer	(2x)	4110.81
• Hook for Cart		4114.80-011
• Rod with clip	(2x)	4113.50
• Rod diam. 10 mm, length 127 mm, with hook	(2x)	4113.53
• Red pointer with clip		4113.54
• Suspension ring		5401.60
• Knob (Inox, Blue M4 x 10 mm)		DGAKNB.M4X10
• Axel with fixing screw for differential pulley	(2x)	4112.45
• Metal bosshead 20 x 20 x 40 mm, with knobs	(2x)	5401.20
• Bosshead	(3x)	5401.22
• Polyester inelastic cord, diam. 0.8 mm, length 10 m		4113.20
• Mass hanger, 10 g		4111.56
• Slotted mass, 10 g	(5x)	4111.51
• Metal ring dia. 20 mm		4861.10-024
• Brass hook diam. 3 mm, length 50 mm	(2x)	4861.10-026
• Brass hook diam. 3 mm, length 40 mm	(7x)	4861.10-027
• "S" Hook	(2x)	4113.35
• Balance hook	(2x)	4861.10-029
• Rubber band	(2x)	4861.10-030
• Rod diam. 3 mm, length 72.5 mm with cylinder		4861.10-020
• Rod diam. 8 mm, length 70 mm with threaded stem M3		4861.10-021

Inclined plane with cart, pulleys, friction block and scale pans.

Full set of basic measuring instruments.

General hardware for experiments.

Laws and principles investigated

- Balance oscillation measurements • Balance sensitivity
- Belt wheel drive • Composition and decomposition of forces
- Concurrent forces • Decomposition of a force into its components
- Determination of the acceleration due to gravity by means of the simple pendulum
- Elongation of a leaf spring • Elongation of a spring
- First-class levers • Fixed pulley • Hooke's Law • Inclined plane
- Investigation of an oscillation of a simple pendulum
- Measurement of length • Mobile and fixed pulley
- Momentum of a force • Parallelogram of forces
- Second and third-class levers • Static and dynamic friction
- Spring pendulum • Springs in series and parallel
- Static measurement of a force • The concept of kinetic energy
- The concept of potential energy
- Transmission of a force along a cable • Weight as a force

Many of these experiments will also be suitable for applied mathematics.

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

- Belt drive systems
- Composition, decomposition and transmission of forces including the parallelogram law
- Analytical balance and the investigation of weight as a force
- Levers: including first, second and third class type
- Pulley systems: including fixed, mobile and differential pulleies
- Simple pendulum and spring pendulum
- Hooke's Law with spring and with spring leaf
- Inclined plane and friction • Kinetic and potential energy
- The concept of experimental error • Springs in series and in parallel

Experiment

Analytic Balance • **In-depth investigation of the analytical balance**

The balance is an instrument that allows, in a gravitational field, to measure the unknown masses by comparison with sample masses. One sample experiment is the determination of the sensitivity of a balance which has arms of equal length.

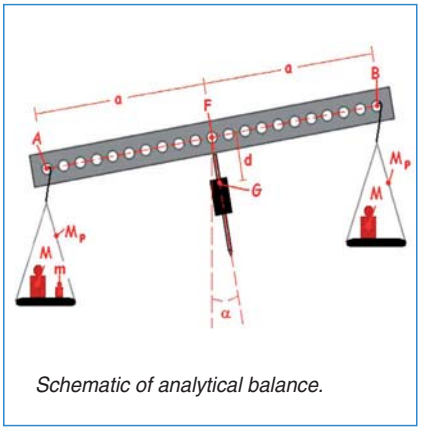
The more sensitive a balance is, the smaller the variation in a mass (m) the balance can detect and measure.

If the test mass (m) is lesser in magnitude than the sensitivity of the balance, it will not be detected.

With reference to the diagram, if load a test mass (M) on each pan of the balance and assuming that the distance between each of the pans is equidistant and represented by "a", we can vary weight on one of the pans which will result in a displacement through an angle defined by α.

Formula defining balance sensitivity.

$$\sigma = \frac{\alpha}{m}$$



Schematic of analytical balance.

Therefore, we can see that the sensitivity of a balance depends on several design characteristics as well as the patience of the experimenter.

For example, the more stable the design of a balance, the more mass is needed to move the balance noticeably.

Additionally, the more friction at the locations where movement is required, the less sensitive the balance will be.

Assembled analytical balance.

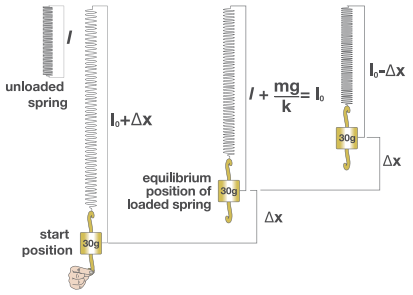
Experiment

The Spring Pendulum

Calculate the elastic constant of a spring by means of a spring pendulum

Mechanics System 1 assembled in the spring pendulum configuration.

When the forces acting on the oscillating spring are examined it is possible to find a useful relationship between the spring elastic constant, the loaded mass and the oscillation period.



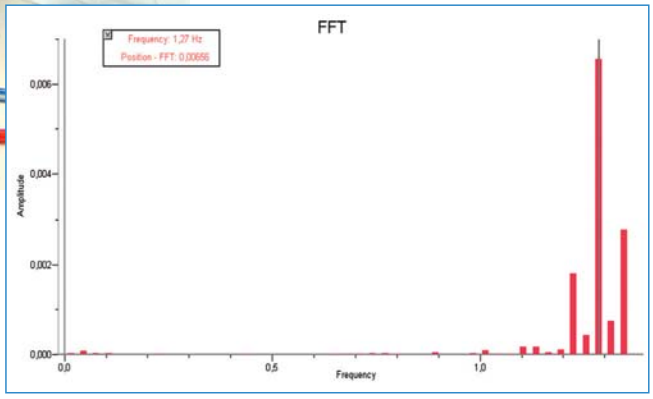
Starting from Newton's Second Law and neglecting the mass of the spring, it is easy to deduce the following relation:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$$

Formula defining the oscillation period of the spring pendulum loaded with a mass (m) and with an unknown elastic constant (k).

Students experience the spring pendulum, acquiring data with the datalogger.

Using a motion detector it is easy to acquire position data.
This way, it is possible to calculate the oscillation period of the pendulum with the Fast Fourier Transform, a feature of the software.
The histogram represents all the frequency range, the highest bar refers to the main oscillation frequency of the system.



Frequency analysis of the spring pendulum motion.

Further examples of classical experiments

Two more examples on the experimental possibilities offered by this system

Parallelogram of forces.

Mobile and fixed pulley.

Mechanics System 2

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An advanced low friction dynamics system to study elastic and inelastic collisions between carts

Mechanics System 2.

Specifications

Size: 124 x 28 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 7 kg
Packing: external suitcase in hard ABS, internal foam to prevent accidental shock

Equipment suggested

Electronic Balance (code 2219.30)
Motion Detector (code 2310.10)
or Go!Motion (code 2320.10)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The Mechanics System 2 allows us to verify many kinematics and dynamics principles by using a low friction system. The basic theory involves topics such as Newton's Laws of Motion, Conservation of Energy and Momentum, Friction and many others.

Components

• Aluminium Track		4114.81
• Electronic Timer		2232.50
• Power Supply 12V		2402.54
• Cart	(2x)	4114.83
• Reflection Photogate	(2x)	2232.54
• Release Electromagnet		4114.88
• Brake/Bumper for Cart		4114.87
• Fixed Support for Track		4114.84
• Adjustable Support for Track		4114.85
• Pulley with metal rod		4112.05
• Aluminium Flag for Cart	(2x)	4114.80-004
• Bubble Level		4180.70
• Neodymium-Iron-Boron Button Magnet		4611.86
• Polyester inelastic cord, length 10 m		4113.20
• Knob (Inox, Blue) M4x10	(2x)	DGAKNB.M4X10
• Knob (Inox, Blue) M5x14	(2x)	DGAKNB.M5X14
• Knob (Inox, Blue) M5x20	(3x)	DGAKNB.M5X20
• Knob (Inox, Blue) M5x35	(2x)	DGAKNB.M5X35
• Massholder for Cart	(2x)	4114.80-003
• Slotted Masses Set		4111.74
• Plumb Line on Scale		4114.86
• Spring Bumper	(2x)	4114.80-006
• Spring Bumper for Electromagnet		4114.80-007
• Trigger for Cart		4114.80-008
• Pair of Velcro Bumpers		4114.80-010
• Hook for Cart		4114.80-011

Electronic timer with electromagnet and photogates.

Contents of accessories boxes.

Laws and principles investigated

• Conservation of momentum and energy • Acceleration and velocity
• Eddy currents • Elastic and inelastic collisions • Friction • Law of Inertia
• Kinetic and potential energy • Newton's 1st Law • Newton's 2nd Law
• Rectilinear uniform motion • Rolling friction
• Uniform accelerated rectilinear motion

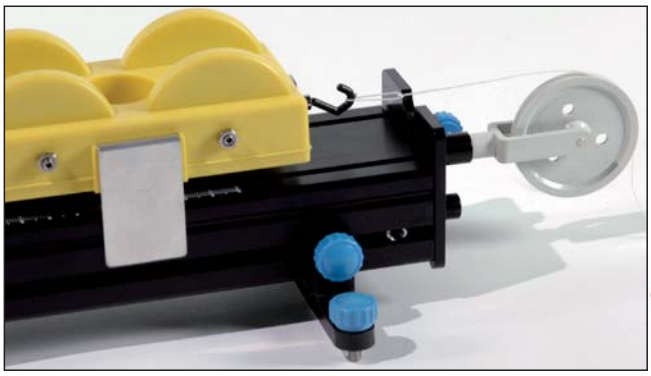
List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

• Concept of inertia • Conservation of momentum and energy
• Determination of velocity and acceleration • Laws of dynamic
• Elastic and inelastic collisions • Energy conservation
• Inclined plane • Kinetic and potential energy
• Laws of motion (accelerated, linear uniform) • Rolling friction
• Eddy currents in an aluminium track

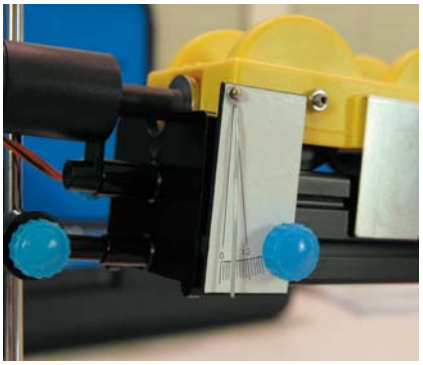
Aluminium track with carts.

Uniform accelerated rectilinear motion

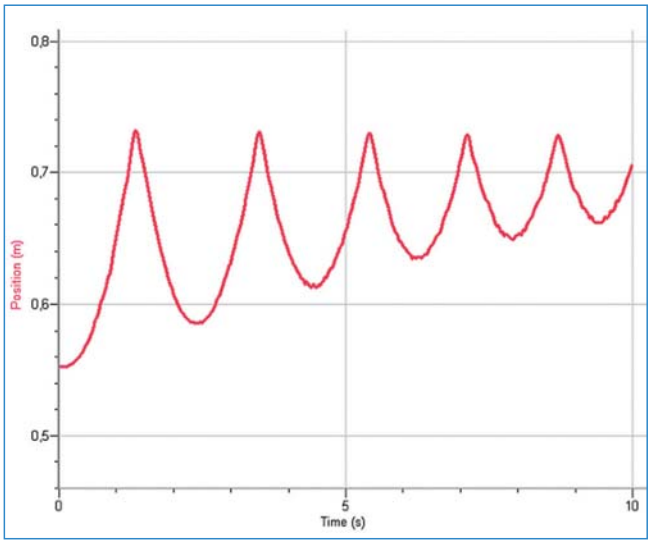
A cart of mass (M) on a horizontal plane is connected, via a string, over a pulley to an object of mass m.
Mass M + m, is accelerated due to gravity and defined by W = mg.
The value for g is determined using photogates and an Altay timer system.



Setup example for study the uniform accelerated rectilinear motion.



Inclined plane angle measurement.



Position vs. time graph of a cart bouncing with a spring on an inclined plane.

The difference in slope is due to the change of the rolling friction forces and gravity acceleration from concordant to discordant forces when crossing the x-axis.

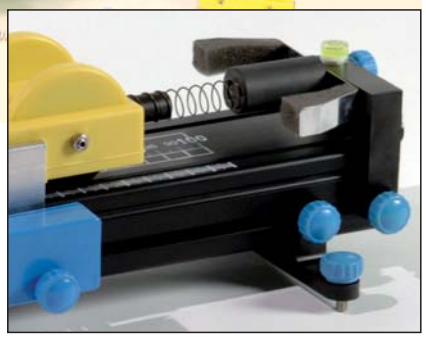
Experiment

Rolling friction

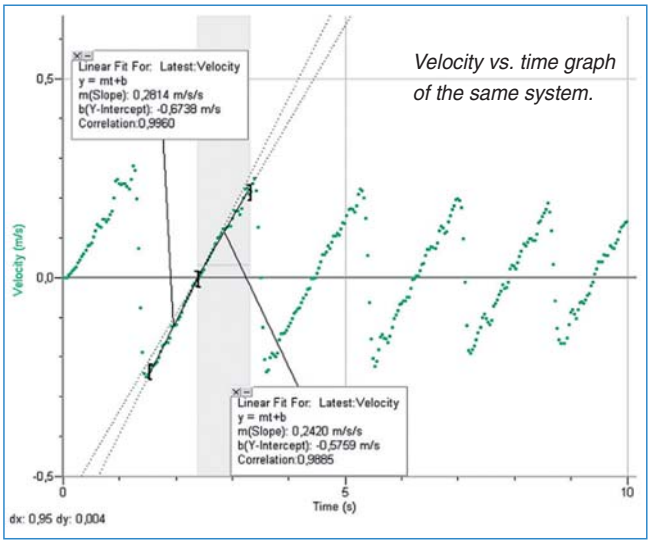
Quantitative measurement of the rolling friction acting on the cart's wheels

When you incline the plane at a set angle and then release the compressed spring the cart gets an initial velocity.
During the upward motion of the cart, gravity and friction act in the same direction. When the cart reaches the highest point on the inclined plane, it starts to return down the track again. In this instance, gravity and friction act in opposite directions.

A teacher explains how to quantitatively measure the rolling friction.



Detail of the elastic collision between cart and bumper.



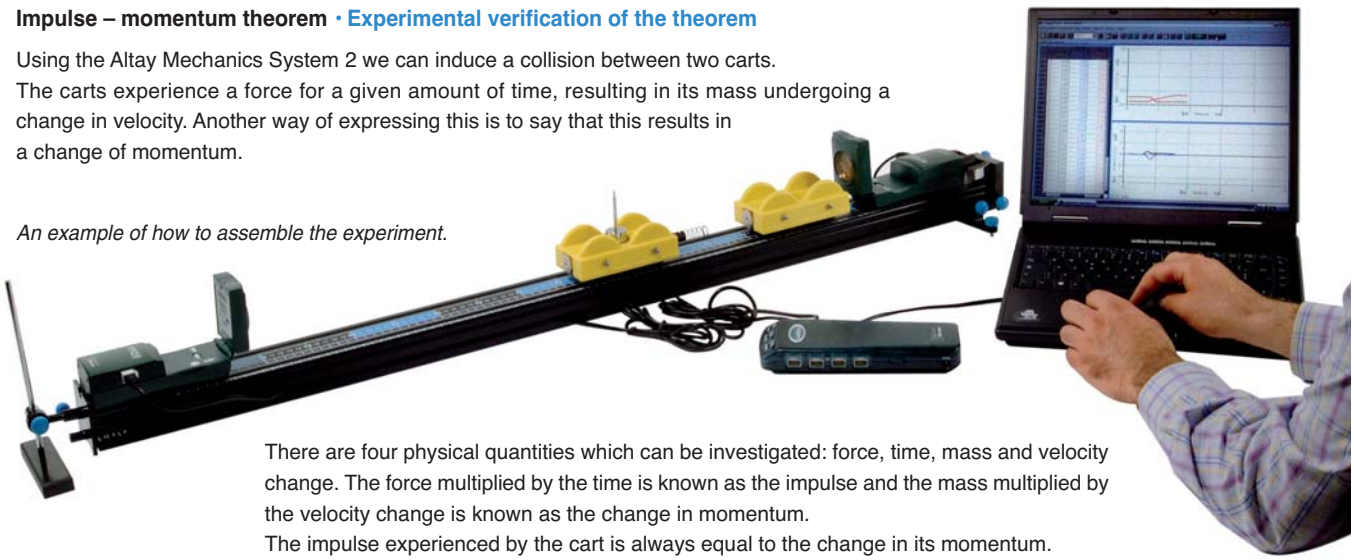
Velocity vs. time graph of the same system.

Experiment

Impulse – momentum theorem · **Experimental verification of the theorem**

Using the Altay Mechanics System 2 we can induce a collision between two carts. The carts experience a force for a given amount of time, resulting in its mass undergoing a change in velocity. Another way of expressing this is to say that this results in a change of momentum.

An example of how to assemble the experiment.

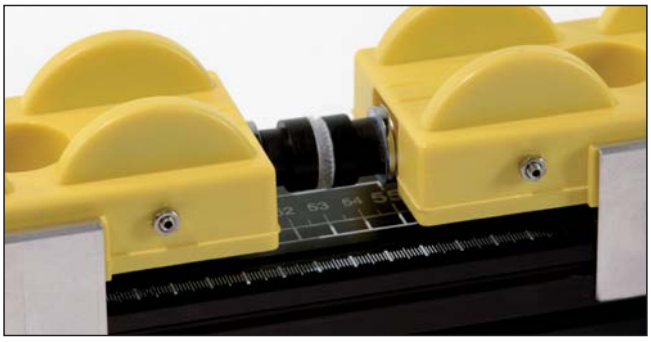


There are four physical quantities which can be investigated: force, time, mass and velocity change. The force multiplied by the time is known as the impulse and the mass multiplied by the velocity change is known as the change in momentum.
The impulse experienced by the cart is always equal to the change in its momentum.
This can be approximated as follows:

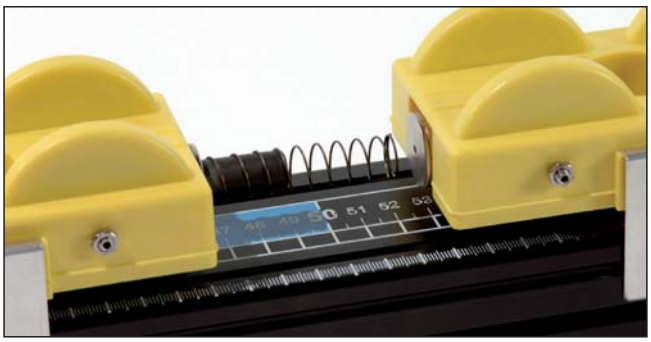
$$F\Delta t = m\Delta v$$

Impulse – momentum theorem.

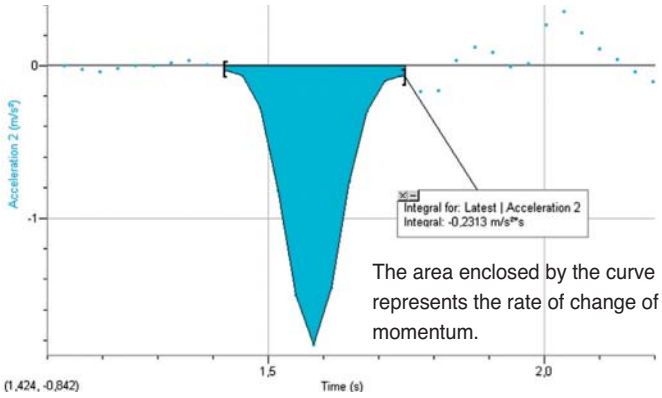
Further examples of workable experiments



Inelastic collision between two carts.



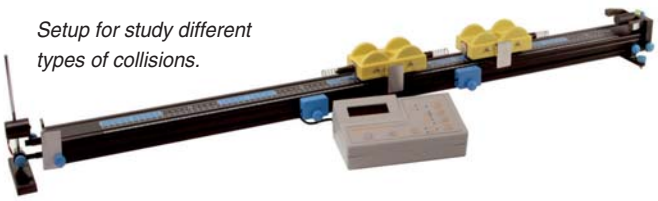
Elastic collision between two carts.



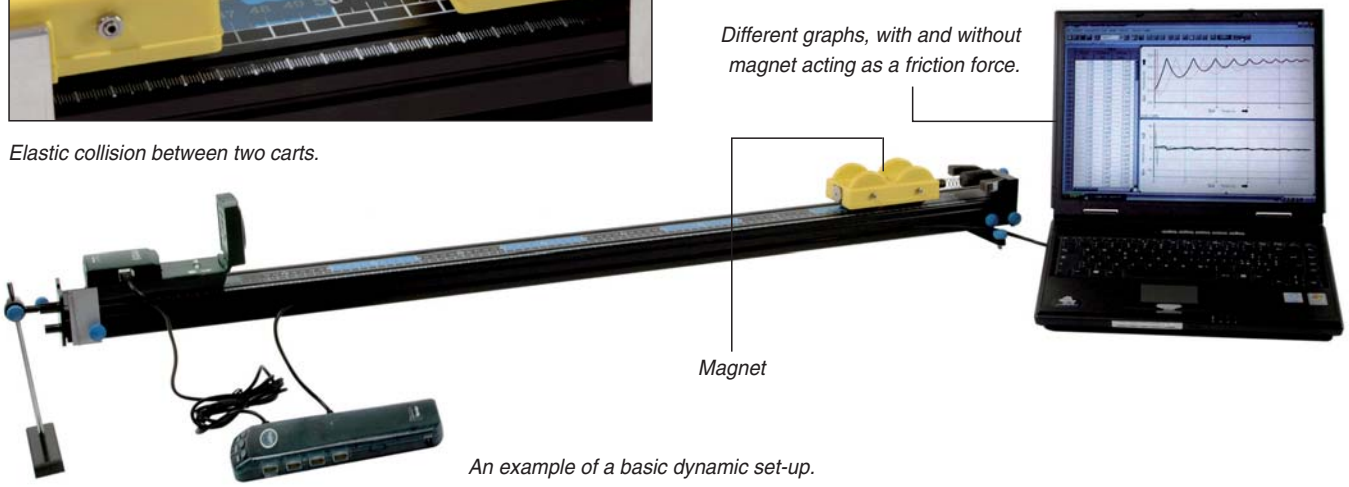
The area enclosed by the curve represents the rate of change of momentum.

Experimental data acquired with a datalogger.

Setup for study different types of collisions.



Different graphs, with and without magnet acting as a friction force.



Magnet

An example of a basic dynamic set-up.

Mechanics System 3

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A basic introductory mechanics system for mechanics of fluids

Mechanics System 3 case 1, hardware case.

Mechanics System 3 introduces the basic concepts of fluid dynamics. The system provides a useful framework to understand and study quantitatively many fluid dynamics experiments.

Mechanics System 3 case 2, glassware case.

Specifications

Case 1

Size: 73 x 50 x 16 cm – Weight: approx. 8 kg
Packing: external suitcase in hard ABS, internal foam for prevention of accidental breakage

Case 2

Size: 124 x 28 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 4 kg

Equipment suggested

Gas Pressure Sensor (code 2311.40)
Dual Range Force Sensor (code 2311.10)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)
Vernier Caliper (code 2213.10)
Tape Measure (code 2211.10)
Mercury (code 4207.55)

Hardware case content.

Components

• Universal base	(2x)	5405.71
• Support Rod, rounded ends, length 35 cm	(2x)	5408.81.L350
• Support Rod, rounded ends, length 50 cm	(2x)	5408.81.L500
• Bosshead	(4x)	5401.23
• Swivel bosshead	(2x)	5401.43
• Extension Clamp with Rod	(2x)	5416.20
• G Clamp		5402.22
• U-Tube manometer		2242.10
• Air Blower		4132.50
• Voltage Regulator for Air Blower		4132.52
• Pascal Apparatus Ball		4180.13
• Potassium Permanganate (5 g)		4207.56
• Silicone Grease		5424.50
• Styrofoam Ball		4625.05
• Ping Pong Ball		4625.06
• Silicone Tubing		5449.25.L2000
• PVC transparent tube		5449.41.L250
• Viscosity Tube, Ostwald		1485.00
• Plastic Funnel		1640.64
• Mariotte's Bottle		1476.51
• Tube for Mariotte's Bottle		1465.05.L330
• Cartesian Diver		4181.16
• Centrifuge Tube		1480.00
• Rubber Stopper, 1 hole		5450.43
• Rubber Stopper, solid		5450.12
• Rubber Stopper, 1 hole		5450.35
• Communicating Vessels		4180.60
• Capillary Tubes		4182.20

Force pump, capillary tubes, communicating vessels, Venturi's tube and Ostwald viscometer.

Mariotte's bottle, cartesian diver, Hare's apparatus.

• Drying Tube, U shaped		1274.00
• Force Pump		4183.20
• Plastic beaker, 250 ml	(2x)	1610.20
• Hare's apparatus		4181.57
• Perspex tube		DPX001
• Venturi's tube		4183.51
• Syringe 5 ml		4180.16
• Syringe 20 ml		4180.17
• Base for Capillary Tube and Communicating Vessels		5405.30

Laws and principles investigated

• Adhesion and cohesion • Archimedes' principle • Bernoulli's theorem
• Boyle's Law • Buoyant force • Capillarity • Cartesian diver
• Communicating vessels • Density of a solid body
• Density of two immiscible liquids • Drag coefficient • Force pump
• Hagen-Poiseuille Law • Hare's apparatus • Hydraulic brake
• Hydrostatic pressure • Jurin's Law • Mariotte's bottle
• Ostwald viscometer • Pascal's Law • Perfect gas Law
• Relative density of two non-mixable fluids • Reynold's number • Siphon
• Stevino's Law • Stoke's formula • Surface tension • Terminal velocity
• The Archimedes' principle • The Gamow, Oppenheimer, Bloch puzzle
• Torricelli's theorem • U-tube manometer • Venturi tube

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

• Principles of the manometer • Communicating vessels
• Hydrostatic pressure and Pascal's Law • Stevino's Law
• Archimedes' Law • Bernoulli's equation • Torricelli's theorem
• Determination of the volume of a solid body
• Determination of density and of specific weight of a solid body
• Determination of density of immiscible liquids • Capillarity
• Boyle's Law • Pumps and siphons • Adhesion and cohesion
• Cartesian diver • Measurement of surface tension • Viscosity

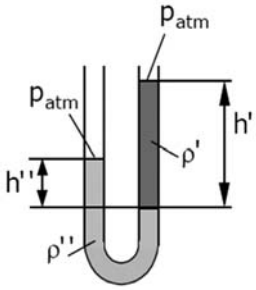
Experiment

Relative density

The pressure exerted within a liquid depends only from the free surface and from the liquid density. Using two non-mixable fluids inside the U-tube (*e.g.* water and oil) it is possible to verify the equation for the relative density.

$$\frac{\rho'}{\rho''} = \frac{h''}{h'}$$

Schema for the relative density determination.



Relative density of two non-mixable fluids.

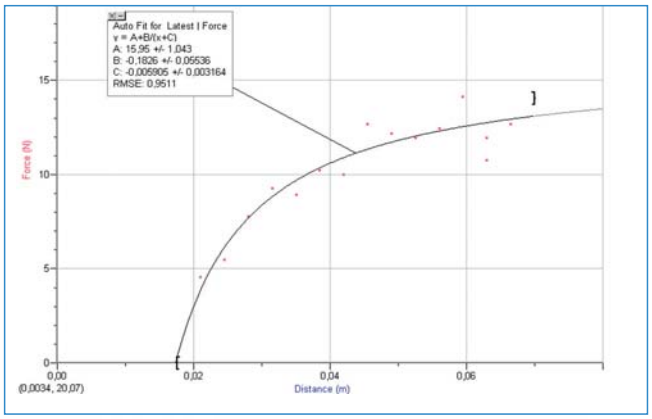
Experiment

Perfect gas law

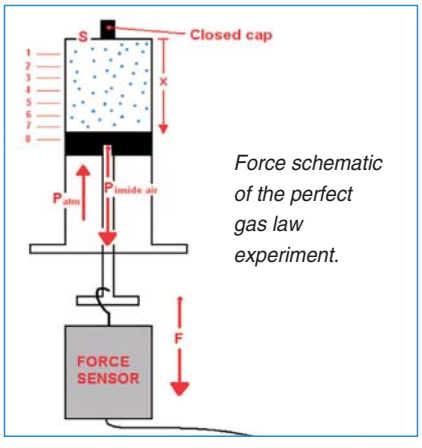
Application of the perfect gas law to an air filled syringe

By measuring the force needed to pull the piston at a certain distance with an air-filled syringe, it's possible to verify the perfect gas law.

Perfect gas law. $pV = nRT$



Pressure force graph vs. syringe piston position.

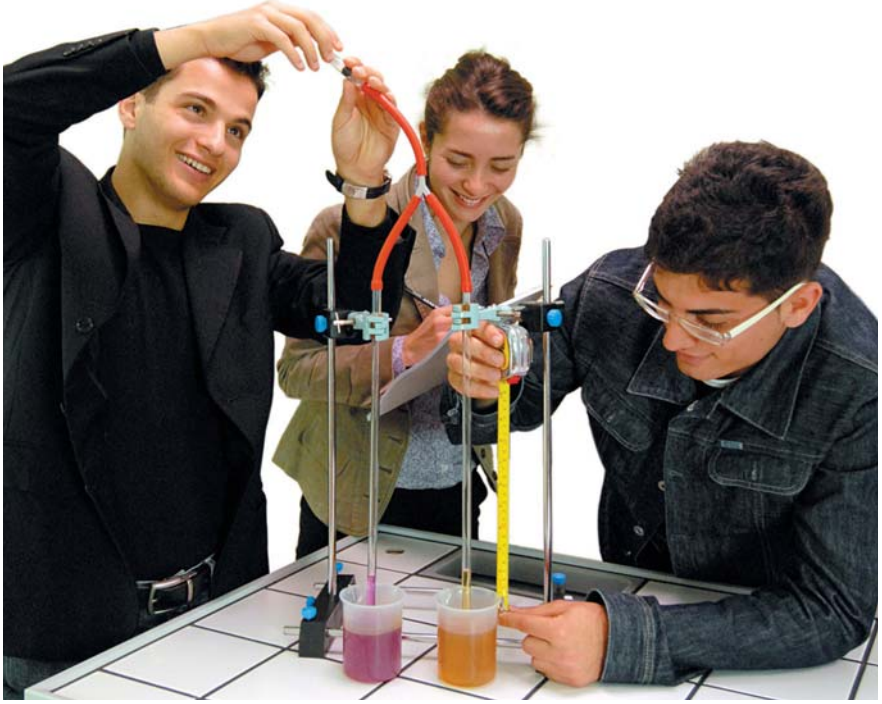


Force schematic of the perfect gas law experiment.

Experiment setup using gas pressure sensor and datalogger.

Experiment

Hare's apparatus · **Find the relative density of a liquid**



Hare's apparatus consists of an inverted U-Tube immersed in two vessels of fluid.
One vessel is filled with water and the other with a fluid of unknown density.
By pinching the tube at any point higher than the Y Piece, you will notice both liquids rise to a certain height in each tube.
Therefore, when air is removed from the top of the apparatus, the liquids rise in the tubes to heights which are inversely proportional to their densities.
Therefore, Hare's apparatus is used to compare the density of two liquids.

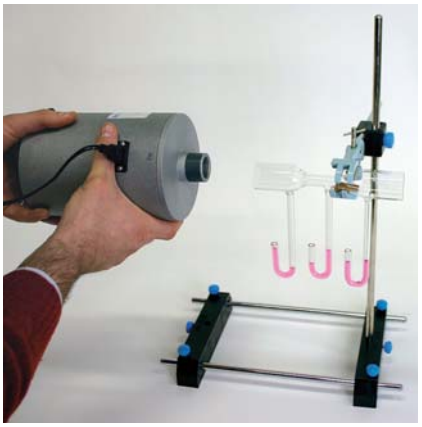
$$\frac{\rho'}{\rho''} = \frac{h''}{h'}$$

Formula of the relative density of a liquid with respect to another.

Students acquiring data from Hare's apparatus.

Other apparatus and setups for this system · **Examples of various experiments on the mechanics of fluids**

Force pump.



Venturi's tube.

Capillary tube apparatus.

Bernoulli Blower.

Communicating vessels apparatus.

Heat System

4862.10

Study thermology with this compact and easy to use system

Heat System in case.

Specifications

Size: 73 x 50 x 16 cm – Weight: approx. 6 kg
Packing: durable ABS plastic carry case with foam inserts

Equipment needed

Methane/Butane Cylinder
Power Supply 10 A (code 2407.60)

Equipment suggested

Stainless Steel Temperature Probe (code 2314.20) or Thermocouple (code 2314.10)
Go!Temp (code 2320.20)
Gas Pressure Sensor (code 2311.40)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

This system introduces basic concepts of thermodynamics and heat experiments. It provides a framework for understanding and quantitatively assessing introductory thermodynamics questions and problems.

Hardware components for experiments.

Centrifuge tube, beakers, filtering flask and graduated cylinder.

Components

• Universal base	(2x)	5405.71
• Support Rod, length 35 cm	(2x)	5408.81.L350
• Support Rod, length 50 cm	(2x)	5408.81.L500
• Bosshead	(4x)	5401.23
• Swivel bosshead	(2x)	5401.43
• Digital multimeter		2275.10
• Thermocouple type T		4672.00
• Beaker, low form 500 ml		1118.50
• Beaker, low form 250 ml		1118.35
• Beaker, low form 100 ml		1118.20
• Cylinder graduated 100 x 1 ml		1226.15
• Centrifuge Tube 100 ml		1481.05
• Filtering Flask 500 ml		1331.05
• Silicone Tubing		5449.25.L2000
• Drying Tube		1274.00
• Extension clamp with rod	(2x)	5416.20
• Mercury thermometer, range: -10°C/+110°C x 1°C	(2x)	2240.15
• Calorimeter		4230.71
• Joule's law unit		4230.66
• Stackable Plug Lead, 50 cm, red colour, plug 4 mm		2522.03
• Stackable Plug Lead, 50 cm, black colour, plug 4 mm		2522.08
• Silicone grease		5424.50
• Rubber stopper with one hole (37 x 28 x 5 mm)		5450.42
• Rubber stopper, solid		5450.23
• Rubber stopper with one hole (23 x 16 x 4 mm)		5450.38
• Paraffin block	(4x)	5424.52
• Set of two cylinders (stainless steel and aluminium)		4200.95
• Sponge piece		4200.97
• Set U-shaped rod		4200.96
• Specific heat cylinders		4230.96

Calorimeter with Joule's Law Apparatus.

• Wire gauzes with round ceramic centre	(2x)	5534.25
• Bunsen Burner		5511.10
• Tripod Stand for Bunsen Burner		5533.10
• Gas Burner Tubing, for butane/propane gas		5449.95
• Micrometer Dial Gauge, range: 0 ÷ 10 mm sensitivity: 0.01 mm		2214.00
• Support for Micrometer Dial Gauge with knob		2214.01
• Pulse glass		4210.50
• Potassium Permanganate		4207.56
• Bimetallic strip with electric contact		4200.80

Laws and principles investigated

- Thermal radiation • Boiling and condensation
- Calorimeter and Joule's Law • Dalton's Law of Partial Pressures
- Equilibrium temperature of mixed liquids
- Evaporation of two different liquids • Expansion of ice
- Thermometer's time constant and fixed points of a thermometer
- Fourier's Equation and Fourier's Law
- Heat sensitivity and Locke's Law • Linear expansion of a solid
- Wet and dry bulb hygrometer, relative humidity, psychrometry and moisture content
- Newton's Law of Heating or Cooling • Phase transition
- Pulse glass functioning principle • Saturated and supersaturated solutions
- Different solution phenomena at different temperatures • Specific Heat
- Thermal agitation, conduction and expansion
- Thermostat and thermocouple • Peltier-Seebeck effect

In holding a pulse glass in your hand, you can observe some surprising phenomena and experience the effects of Thermal Energy.

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

- Heat sensitivity and thermal equilibrium
- Measurement of the coefficient of volume expansion of water
- Fixed points of a thermometer
- Temperature measurement with a T type thermocouple
- Linear expansion of a solid • Coefficient of expansions of iron and brass
- Example of the use of a thermostat
- Measurement of the boiling point of alcohol
- Boiling at below and above atmospheric pressure
- Measurement of the heat of evaporation of water
- The graph for the solidification of paraffin
- Saturated and supersaturated solutions • Wet and dry bulb hygrometer
- Expansion of air at constant pressure and volume
- Thermal convection in fluids
- Thermal conductivity of iron, brass, aluminium and copper
- Conduction of heat by water • Absorption of thermal radiation
- Thermal insulation • Construction of a simple Dewar vessel
- Heating different quantities of liquid
- Specific heat capacity of liquids and solid bodies
- Equilibrium temperature of mixed liquids
- Heat capacity of the calorimeter
- Conversion of mechanical energy into thermal energy • Joule's effect
- Expansion of ice • Latent heat of fusion of ice
- Latent heat of vaporisation of water
- Evaporation of two different liquids • Boiling point elevation

Experiment

Time constant of a thermometer • **To study the thermal sensitivity of a mercury thermometer and a thermocouple**

An experiment to give a quantitative explanation of the thermometer's time constant.
This is important as it gives insight to the heat sensitivity of the thermometer.

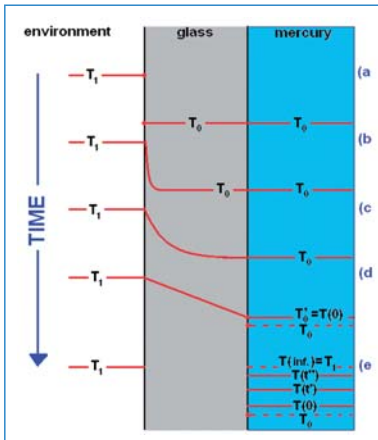
With just a beaker, boiling water and a thermometer it is possible to measure thermal sensitivity.

Newton stated that a hot object cools down at a rate proportional to the difference between its temperature and that of its surroundings.
An easy demonstration of this would be to place a mercury thermometer in hot water and observe the effect on the glass of the thermometer and the mercury inside it. The graph below can be described using the following equation:

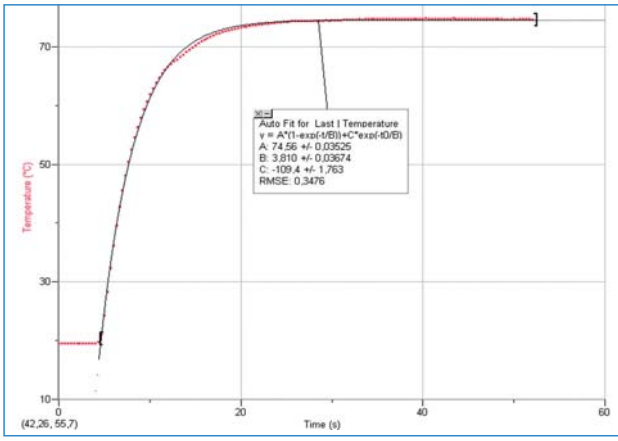
$$T(t) = T_1 + (T_0 - T_1)e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

Newton's Law of heating and cooling.

Where T(t) is the temperature of the system, T_1 is the temperature of hot water, T_0 is the temperature of the thermometer and τ is the time constant.



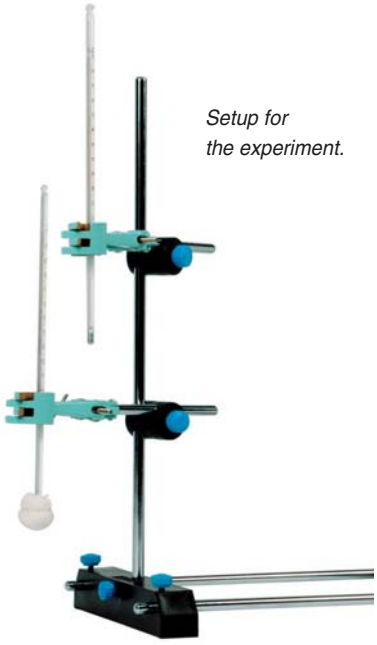
Temperature vs. time diagram of a mercury thermometer placed in an environment with higher temperature.



Experimental data showing the heating for a temperature sensor immersed in a beaker with hot water.

Experiment

Wet and dry bulb hygrometer · **The basics concepts of psychrometry can be demonstrated in this experiments**



Setup for the experiment.

The amount of water vapour in the air at any given time is usually less than that is required to saturate the air. The relative humidity is the percent of saturation humidity, generally calculated in relation to saturated vapour density.

$$\text{Relative humidity} = \frac{\text{Actual vapour density}}{\text{Saturation vapour density}} \times 100\ \%$$

Relative humidity definition formula.

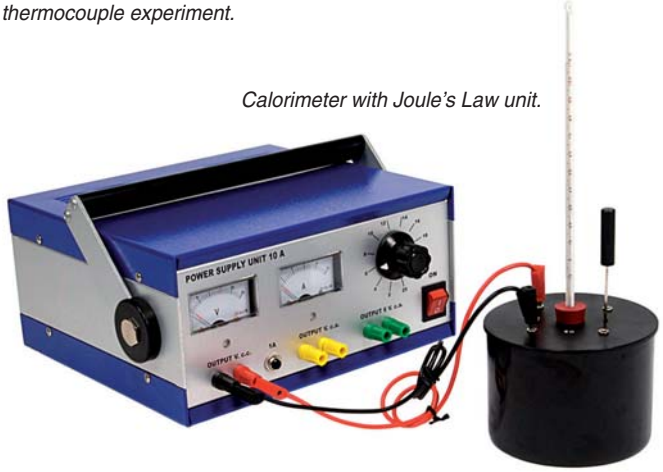
The psychrometer or Wet & Dry bulb hygrometer is an important instrument used for measuring the water vapour content (Relative Humidity) per unit of air at a given temperature.
The instrument is made up of two identical thermometers: one being a wet bulb, the other a dry bulb. The wet bulb thermometer has its bulb wrapped in a tight fitting wicking material such as cotton, which is soaked in distilled water. When the thermometers are ventilated, the wet bulb temperature will be lower than the dry bulb temperature.

With minimal experimental setup time, it is possible to show qualitatively how the air is expanded when heated and contracted when cooled.

Detail of the air expansion in the U-Tube manometer.

Further examples of possible experiments · **Some experiments using the Heat System**

Students involved in the thermocouple experiment.



Calorimeter with Joule's Law unit.

Optics System 1

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A complete system to study the principal laws of geometric optics

Optics System 1.

Specifications

Size: 124 x 28 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 6 kg
Packing: durable ABS plastic carry case with foam inserts

Equipment suggested

Light Sensor (code 2315.10)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The Optics System 1 can be used for the study of many aspects of geometric optics, including photometry, luminous intensity, focal length of a lens and many other experiments.

Components

• Stackable Plug Lead	(4x)	2522.14
• Lampholder, single		4418.19
• Lampholder, quadruple		4418.20
• Slider for holder, with knob	(6x)	4414.01
• Slider for projector, with knob		4414.17
• Holder for 50 mm diam. lenses and mirrors	(4x)	4414.02
• Transformer, 12 V 2.5 A		2403.14
• Prism table		4418.29
• Projector with 12 V 20 W halogen lamp		4414.18
• Halogen lamp 12 V 20 W, spare		4414.19
• White metal screen (140 x 140 mm)		4418.35
• Set of 4 Biconvex Spherical lenses (dia. 50 mm)		4445.00
• Set of 4 Biconcave Spherical lenses (diam. 50 mm)		4441.00
• Set of 4 Concave Spherical mirrors (diam. 50 mm)		4431.00
• Set of 4 Convex Spherical mirrors (diam. 50 mm)		4435.00
• Optical bench with supports		4414.00
• Shadow rod		4864.10-001
• Joly photometer on stem		4422.01
• Bulb lamp, 12 V 2 W	(6x)	2505.65
• Set of seven diaphragms		4414.12
• Holder for slides and diaphragms		4414.03
• Millimetre graph paper		4864.10-002
• Equilateral glass prism (side 25 mm)		4450.10

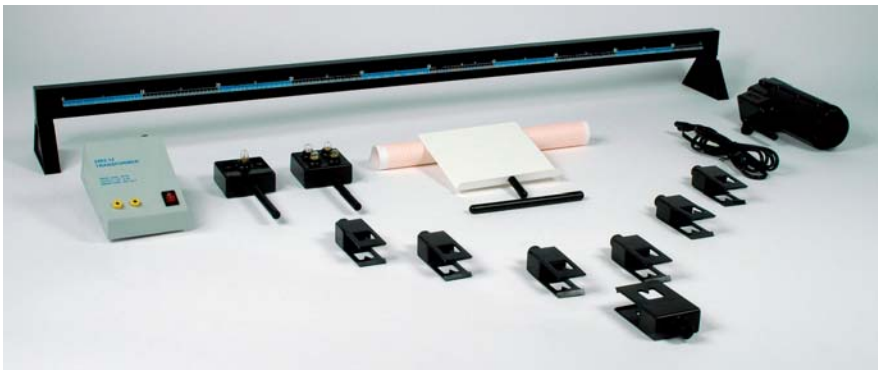
Set of mirrors, lenses and prism holder.

A complete set of diaphragms.

Set of lens – mirror holder.

Laws and principles investigated

- Concave and convex mirror
- Convergent and divergent lens
- Focal length • Gauss approximation
- The eye, hyperopic and myopic eye
- Inverse square law • Joly photometer
- Lens power • Luminous intensity
- Magnifier and magnifying power • Photometry
- Prism • Ray tracing • Refractive index
- Umbra and penumbra • System of lenses
- The microscope • The telescope
- Thin lens equation



General hardware of the System.

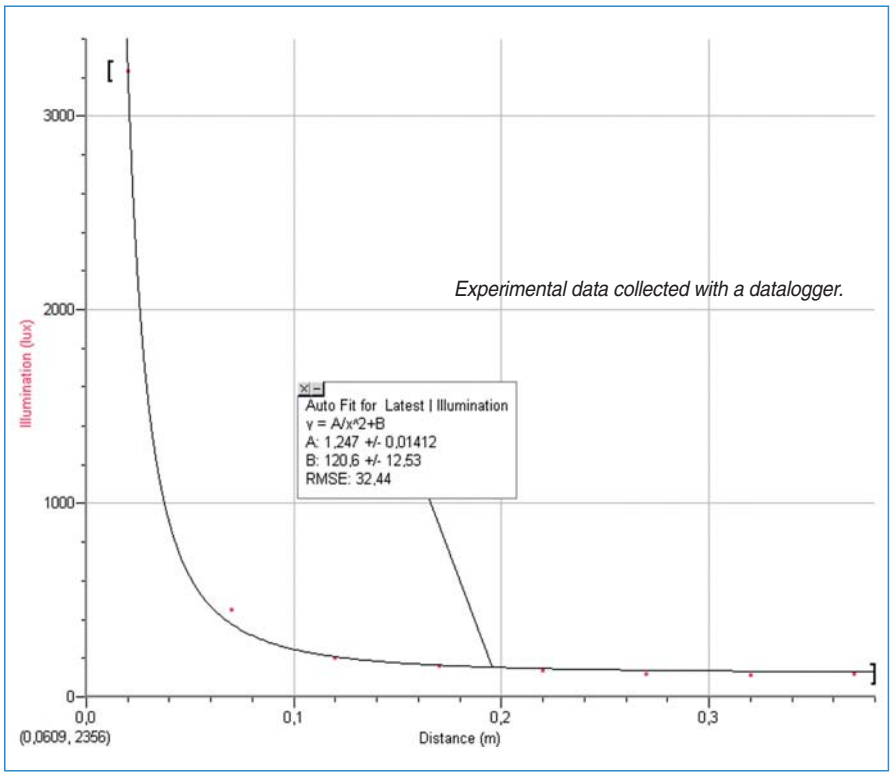
List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

• Photometry • Luminous intensity
• Shadow and penumbra • Magnifier • Lenses
• Mirrors • Thin lens equation • Focal length
• System of lenses • Prism • The eye
• Microscope • Telescope

Joly photometer
Setup for the Joly photometer experiment.

Experiment

Inverse square law · **A classical experiment on the inverse square law**



Experimental data collected with a datalogger.

Simple explanation of inverse square law:

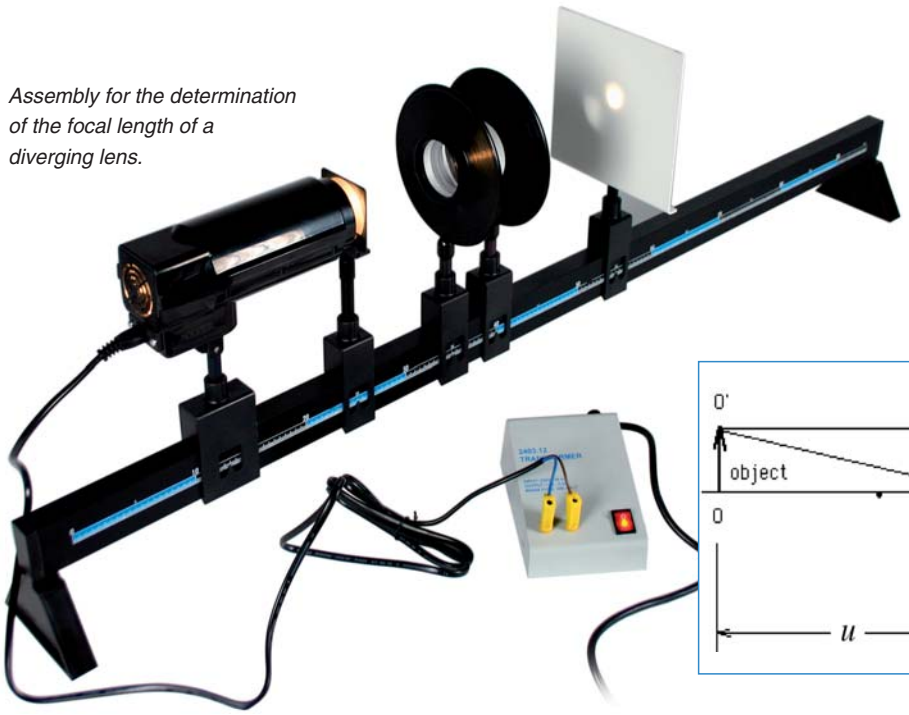
$$E = \frac{I}{r^2}$$

According to the photometric law of distance, the irradiance (E) of a point light source decreases in inverse proportion to the square of distance (r) for constant radiant intensity (I).

Experiment

Focal length of a diverging lens · **How to find the exact focal length of a diverging lens**

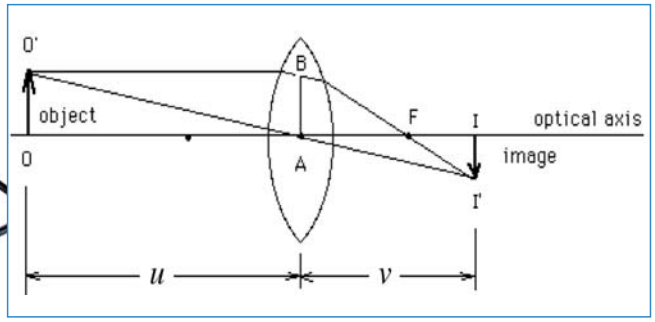
Assembly for the determination of the focal length of a diverging lens.



If the converging lens has a focal length such that the system of the converging plus diverging lenses is still converging, it is possible to recover the focal length of the system by using the thin lens equation (valid in the "Gauss approximation").

$$\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$$

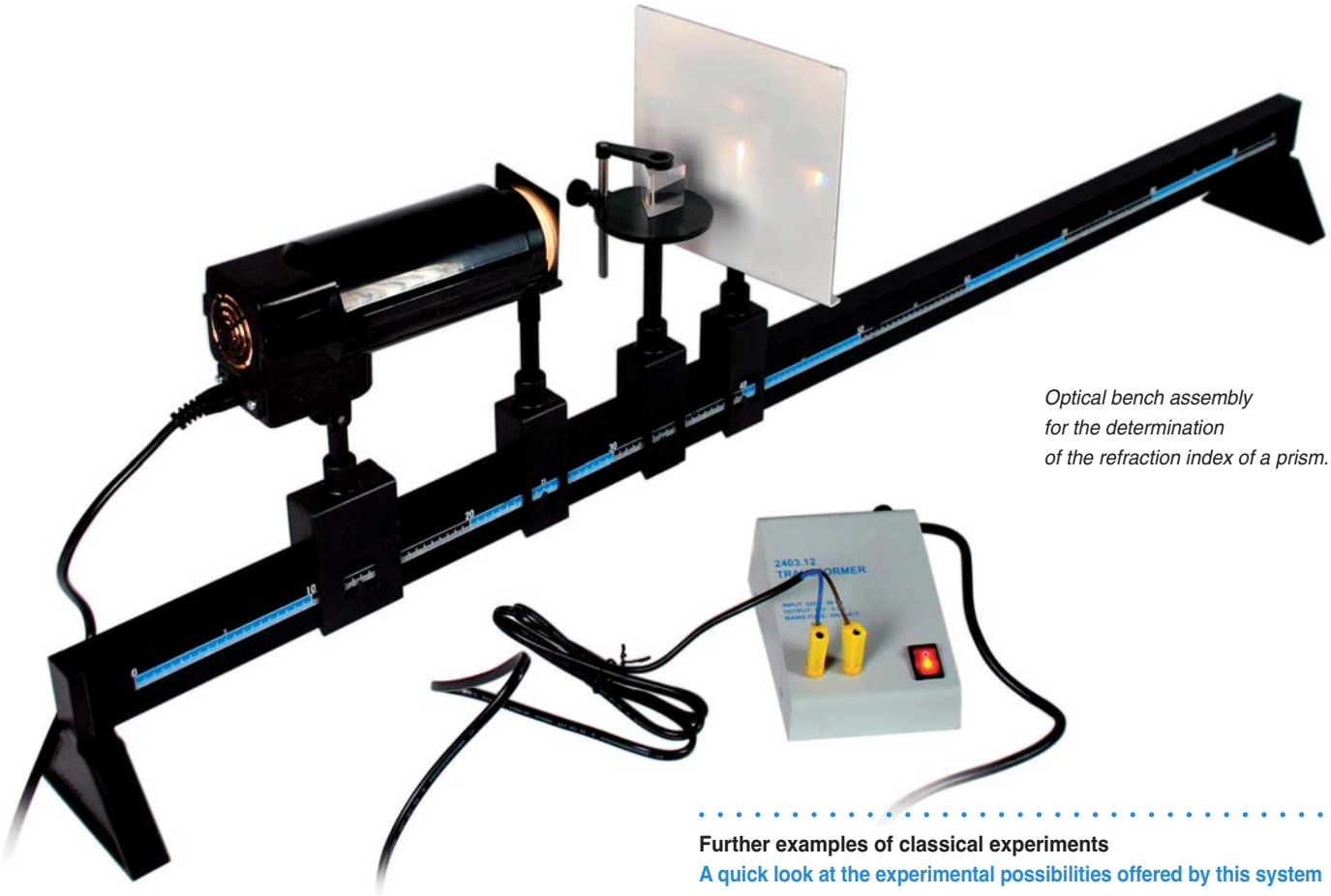
Thin lens equation: u is the object distance, v is the image distance and f is the focal length.



Schematic view of symbols and sign.

Experiment

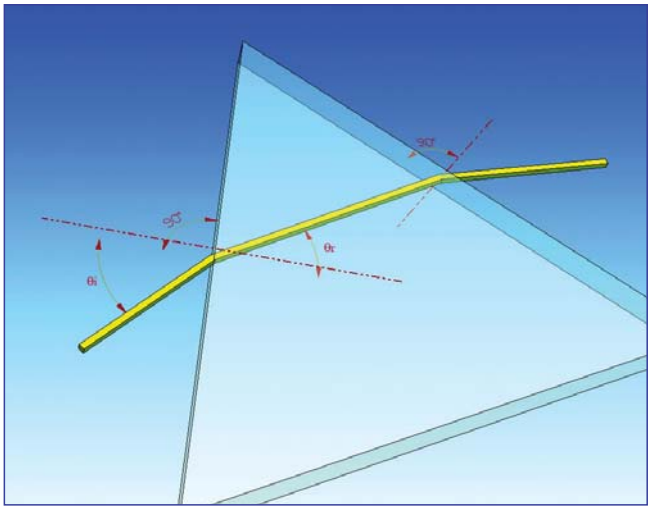
Refraction index of a glass prism · **By measuring the minimum deviation angle it is possible to get the refraction index of a prism**



Optical bench assembly for the determination of the refraction index of a prism.

Further examples of classical experiments

A quick look at the experimental possibilities offered by this system

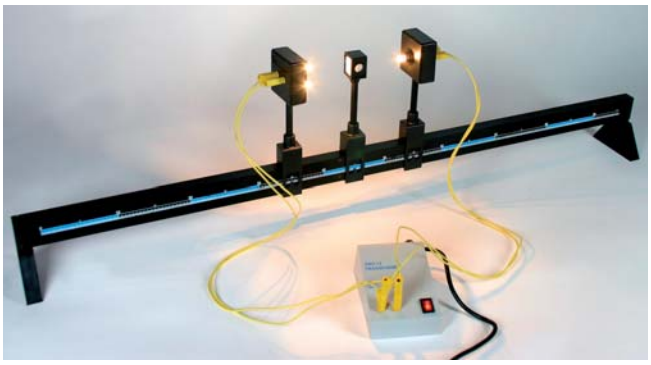


Geometrical representation of Snell's Law.

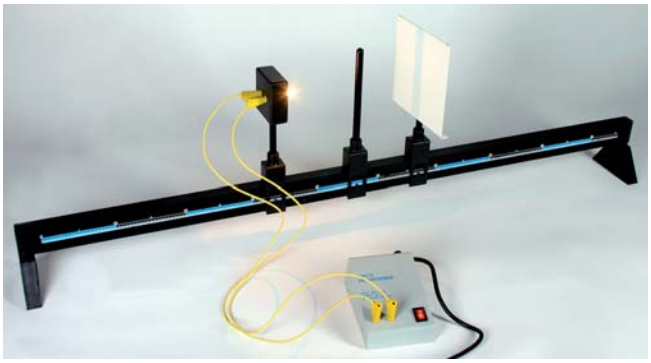
The above diagram is a simple representation of Snell's Law, which is represented by the following formula.

$$n = \frac{\sin\theta_i}{\sin\theta_r}$$ *Snell's Law.*

Where n is also known as a refraction index of a given material.



Joly photometer.



Umbra and penumbra.

Optics System 2

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An intermediate system for geometrical and physical optics

Optics System 2.

Specifications

Size: 83 x 28 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 5.5 kg
Packing: durable ABS plastic carry case with foam inserts

Equipment needed

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Equipment suggested

Light Sensor (code 2315.10)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The Optics System 2 is designed to study composition of light, light polarization, refraction index as well as many additional aspects of light reflection and refraction.

The system contains a Hartl apparatus, which allows the student to perform many experiments related to the reflection of light on mirrors and to the refraction through transparent bodies.
Also included is our specially designed Altay Optics Box, designed to investigate polarisation in various solutions. Additionally you can study photoresistance, photometry and verification of Malus' Law.

Components

• Hartl Disk		4419.01
• Optical Bench		4413.92
• Universal Base with knob	(2x)	5405.73
• Thread adapter for Universal Base	(2x)	DBR007
• Slider for Holder with knob	(4x)	4414.01
• Slider for Projector with knob		4414.17
• Biconvex Lens for Hartl Disk (f = +85 mm)		4419.06
• Biconvex Lens for Hartl Disk (f = +135 mm)		4419.07
• Biconcave Lens for Hartl Disk (f= -135 mm)		4419.08
• Trapezoidal Prism for Hartl Disk		4419.09
• Triangular Prism for Hartl Disk (90°, 45°, 45°)		4419.10
• Deformable Mirror for Hartl Disk		4419.11
• Plane Mirror for Hartl Disk		4419.12
• Refraction Index Vessel for Hartl Disk, (60 mm dia.)		4419.13
• Polarization Tank, with two Rubber Stopper		4454.11
• Support for Polarization Tank		4454.15
• Pair of polarizing filter		4453.90
• Photometer		4486.20
• Transformer, 12 V 2.5 A		2403.14
• Ray optics and colour mixing box with lamp, coloured filters, slits, mirrors		4402.30
• Base support for ray optics box		4402.35
• White metal screen		4418.35

Ray box with coloured filters, slits, two side parts with mirror and transformer.

Lens set with flexible mirror and Hartl disk.

Pair of polarising filters, photometer, screen and plexiglas cylinder with support.

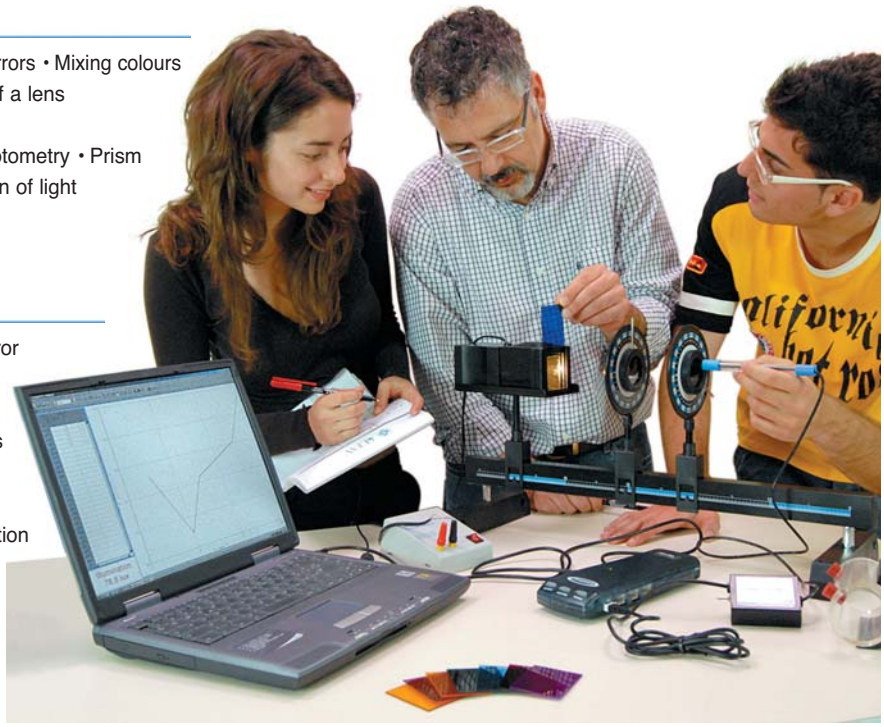
Optical bench with accessories.

Laws and principles investigated

• Principles of bi-concave, bi-convex lenses and mirrors • Mixing colours
• Fermat's principle • Determine the focal length of a lens
• Hartl apparatus • Inverse square law of light
• Light reflection and refraction • Malus' Law • Photometry • Prism
• Refraction index of a glass and a liquid • Rotation of light
• Snell's Law • Total reflection

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

• Light reflection of a plane mirror and flexible mirror
• Light refraction in a prism and through a converging or a diverging lens
• Light refraction through different shaped materials
• Refraction index of a liquid and glass
• Polarisation of light • Total refraction prism
• Rotation of the polarisation plane in a sugar solution
• Investigating mixing of colours
• Focal length of a lens • Malus' Law
• Investigations in quantitative photometry



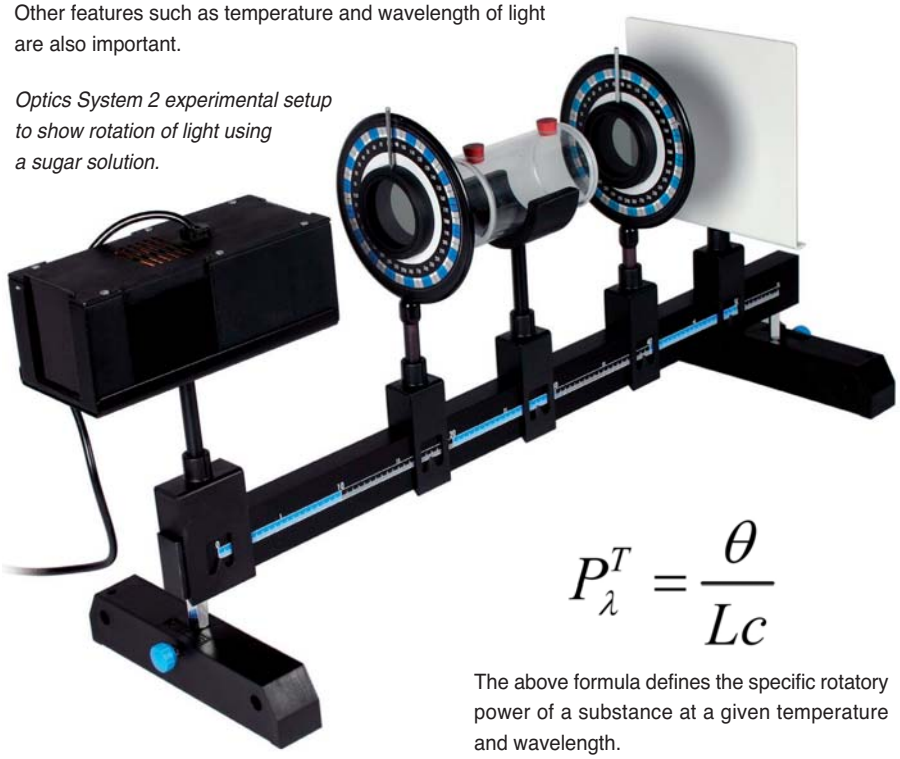
Using data logging system with light sensor.

Experiment

Optical activity · **Observe the rotation of light using a sugar solution**

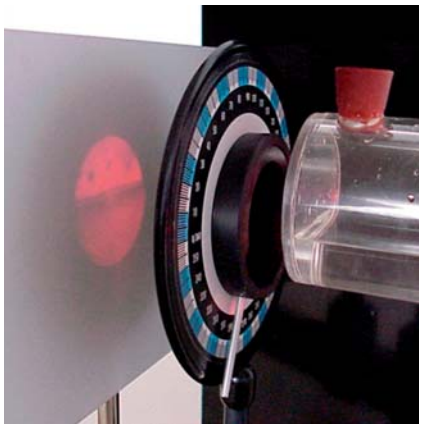
Some substances such as sugar will react when a beam of light is incident on it. They rotate the polarisation plane of the light around its direction of propagation.
This optical activity is a phenomenon connected with the "asymmetry by reflection" of the molecules of many substances. The degree of rotation is determined by the rotational power of the optically active solution present and by the amount of molecules of the solution that interact with the beam of light. The directional change of the light is also affected by degree of concentration of the solution and distance the light must travel through it.
Other features such as temperature and wavelength of light are also important.

Optics System 2 experimental setup to show rotation of light using a sugar solution.

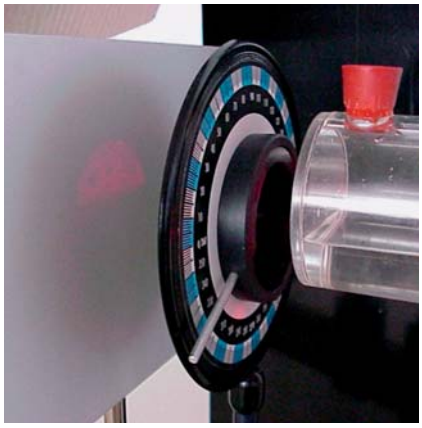


$$P_{\lambda}^{T} = \frac{\theta}{Lc}$$

The above formula defines the specific rotatory power of a substance at a given temperature and wavelength.



For a given angle, all the polarised light is collected on the screen.



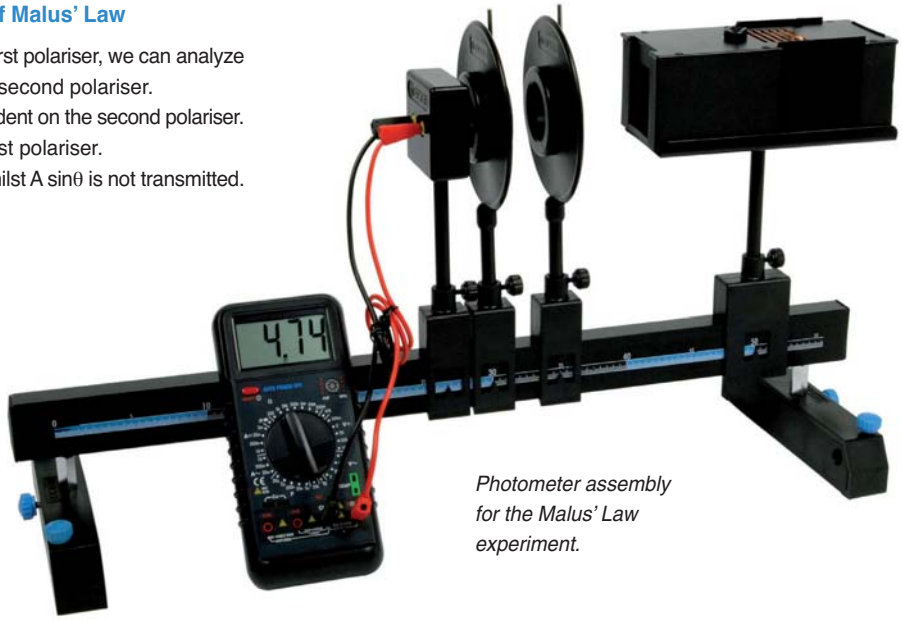
The angle is adjusted until all light is blocked out.

Experiment

Malus' Law · **Explanation and verification of Malus' Law**

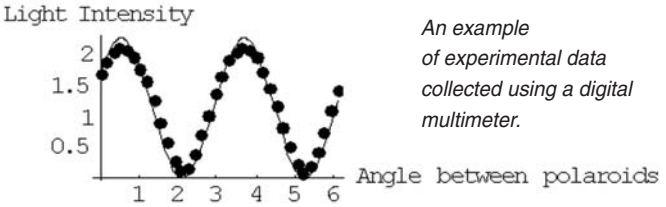
If we consider the polarised light coming from the first polariser, we can analyze how much of this light is transmitted through the second polariser.
Let (A) be the amplitude of plane polarised light incident on the second polariser.
The light is incident at angle to direction of the first polariser.
The component of A (A cosθ) is transmitted and whilst A sinθ is not transmitted.

The resistance value is dependent on the angle between the polarisers.

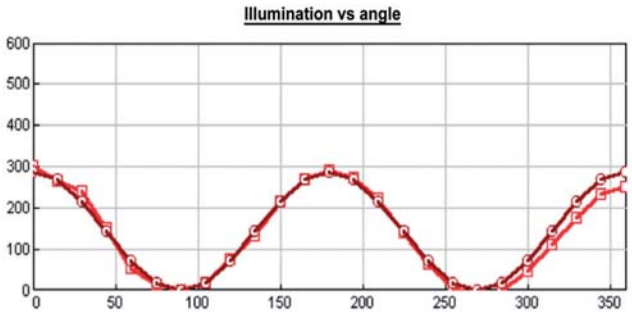


Photometer assembly for the Malus' Law experiment.

The intensity is proportional to the square of amplitude, so that the intensity transmitted is $I_T = I \cos^2\theta$: where (I) is the intensity of light incident on polariser. This is called "Malus' Law".



An example of experimental data collected using a digital multimeter.

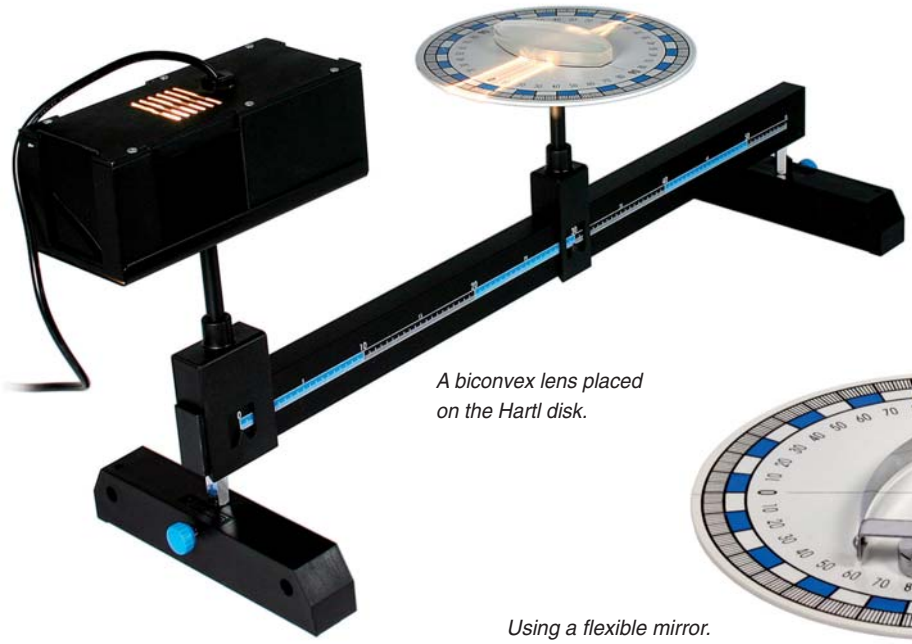


Experimental data collected using a light sensor and a datalogger.

Experiment

Further examples of experiments

A quick look at further experiments of the Optics System 2



A biconvex lens placed on the Hartl disk.

Composition of colours.

Using a flexible mirror.

Optics System 3

4864.30

An advanced optics system with diode laser

Optics System 3 in its own box.

Specifications

Size: 30 x 23 x 7 cm – Weight: approx. 1 kg
Packing: comes with a durable ABS plastic carry case with foam inserts

Equipment needed

Vernier Caliper (code 2213.10)
Tape Measure (code 2211.10)

The Optics System 3 includes everything needed for a complete course in advanced optics.
Our system will take students through reflection, lens theory, diffraction, interference, diffraction grating and multiple slit diffraction.
You can also study many aspects of modern optical technology. The equipment is easy to use and durable, and the experiments are substantive, yet conceptually easy to conduct.
Areas of study including geometric principles of optics, polarisation of laser beams, investigating basic and study advanced diffraction principles.
The results will be accurate and repeatable every time!

Grating on plastic holder.

Multiple diffraction grating mounted on holder.

Components

• Laser on stem (630 – 670 nm)		4478.01
• Rechargeable accumulators	(2x)	2402.30
• Plug-in power supply		2402.52
• Cylindrical lens		4478.03
• Polaroid filter		4478.05
• Holder for slides and diaphragms		4414.03
• Plastic base	(2x)	4417.17
• Slide with 1 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm)		4485.29
• Slide with 2 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm)		4485.30
• Slide with 3 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm)		4485.31
• Slide with 4 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm)		4485.32
• Slide with 5 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm)		4485.33
• Slide with 6 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm)		4485.34
• Coarse grating 1 (4 lines per mm, line/space ratio 3:1)		4485.25
• Coarse grating 2 (4 lines per mm, line/space ratio 6:1)		4485.26
• Coarse grating 3 (8 lines per mm, line/space ratio 3:1)		4485.27
• Metal gauze 300 mesh for bidimensional diffraction grating		4485.23
• Diffraction grating with three different rulings (100, 300 and 600 lines per mm)		4455.20

Laws and principles investigated

• Diffraction • Diffraction grating • Interference • Multiple slit diffraction
• Optical activity • Single slit diffraction

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

• Introduction to Ray Optics • The Law of Refraction
• The Diffraction Grating • Single-slit Diffraction • General Diffraction
• Using Diffraction gratings
• The effects of Double slit on diffraction (Two-slit Interference)
• Investigating Optical activity • Overview of interference and diffraction
• Single slit diffraction • Polarization • Introduction to Optical Instruments

Solid state laser with cylindrical lens and polariser.

Experiment

Fraunhofer diffraction · **Using a Diffraction grating to create a diffraction pattern**

Diffraction of light occurs when a light wave passes by a corner or through an opening or slit that is physically the approximate size of, or even smaller than that light's wavelength.
Diffraction describes a specialized case of light scattering in which an object with regularly repeating features (such as a diffraction grating) produces an orderly diffraction of light in a diffraction pattern.
These phenomena can be described through the Huygens-Fresnel's Principle. Huygens postulated that as a wave propagates through a medium, each point on the advancing wavefront acts as a new point source of the wave.
For instance, the points inside a slit become sources of virtual elementary spherical waves. The observed real wave is the result of the interference of the elementary waves.
This suggests that diffraction and interference are phenomena that can be referred to only in a theoretical interpretation.

Assembly example for the diffraction grating experiment.

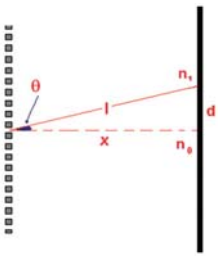
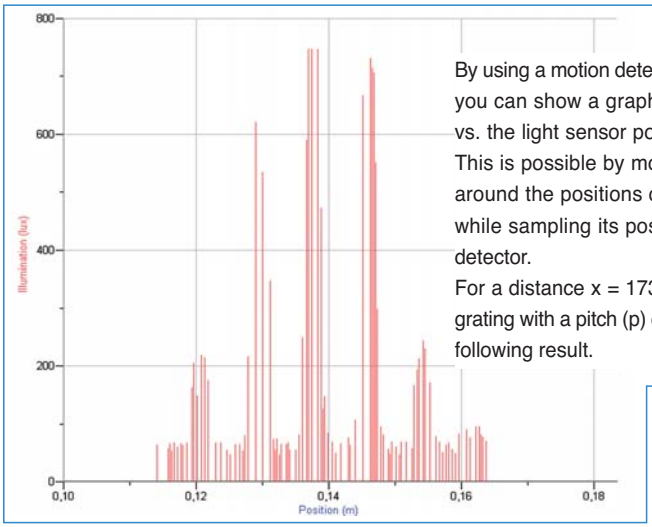


Diagram shows constructive and destructive interference of the light coming from the diffraction grating.

$$\pm n\lambda = p \sin\theta$$

Constructive interference.

Where (p) is the pitch of the diffraction grating.



By using a motion detector and a light sensor you can show a graph of the light intensity vs. the light sensor position (*i.e.*, distance). This is possible by moving the light sensor around the positions of maximum intensity while sampling its position with the motion detector.
For a distance x = 173 cm and a diffraction grating with a pitch (p) of 0.13 mm we get the following result.

Experimental data of luminous intensity vs. position for a diffraction grating.

Further examples of possible experiments · **Additional experiments with Optics System 3**

Coarse grating interference.

The effect of using a diffraction grating.

Bi-dimensional diffraction grating.

Electrostatics System

4865.10

A qualitative and quantitative overview of the concepts of electrostatics

Electrostatics System in its case.

Specifications

Size: 73 x 50 x 16 cm – Weight: approx. 5.5 kg
Packing: ABS plastic carry case with foam inserts

Equipment suggested

Charge Sensor (code 2313.10)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The Electrostatics System introduces basic concepts of electrostatics and provides a good basis for understanding and quantitatively assessing electrostatics.
A full set of accessories are supplied to study charge by friction, conduction and induction.

Full set of materials for electrostatics experiments.

Components

• Leaf Electroscope		4625.50
• Hollow sphere		4627.80
• Conductive sphere		4627.60
• Pith Ball Electroscope		4625.00
• Neon Tube		4627.90
• Reel of nylon filament, 25 m		4620.90
• Polyethylene strip		4620.31
• Wire stirrup to support items		4612.50
• Wool cloth		4620.40
• Silk cloth		4620.50
• Glass rod		4620.10
• Ebonite rod		4620.13
• Perspex rod		4620.14
• Electrophorus disk with handle		4621.11
• Proof plane with handle		4627.22
• Polyethylene tile		4621.14
• Faraday's Well		4627.50
• Aluminium can	(2x)	4627.23

Hollow sphere, conductive sphere, pith ball electroscope and Volta's electrophorus.

Laws and principles investigated

• Charging by conduction • Charging by friction • Charging by induction
• Conducting sphere • Investigating electric charge
• Principles of the electroscope • Faraday ice pail experiment
• Volta's electrophorus experiment

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

• Concept of static charge • How to use the electroscope
• Charges on an electroscope
• Electrophorus principles using electrostatic induction
• Investigating different kinds of electric charge
• Production of charges, equal and opposite • Charge transfer
• Charging by conduction, friction and induction • Hollow sphere
• Charge distribution in electric fields
• Charge distribution in a hollow sphere and in a conducting sphere

Leaf electroscope with accessories.

Electrostatics

There are three modes of electrifying an object: friction, conduction and induction. A positive charge means that the object has lost electrons, a negative charge means that the object has gained electrons. The picture shows how to induce a charge using friction by rubbing two surfaces together.

Charging by friction.

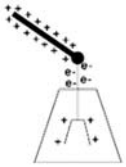
Experiment

Electroscope usage

Using the electroscope to measure the charges by induction and conduction

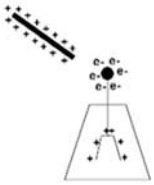
Measuring charge in a hollow sphere with electroscope and datalogger.

An electroscope is an instrument for detecting the presence of static electricity. It consists of two thin metal leaves suspended from a metal hook. When the hook is brought near a source of static electricity, some of the electrons in the hook are pushed to the leaves (if the source is negative) or pulled up to the hook from the leaves (if the source is positive). Either way, the leaves are now charged the same way as each other or so they repel each other. The amount they open up is proportional to the charge of the source (if the sources are always held at the same distance from the hook).



Induction.

Induction charging is a method used to charge an object without actually touching the object to any other charged object. If such a charged rod is brought near to the hook of an electroscope, it will induce the similarly charged electrons to move away from the rod and the leaves. Since both leaves will have the same charge they will repel each other and move apart.



Conduction.

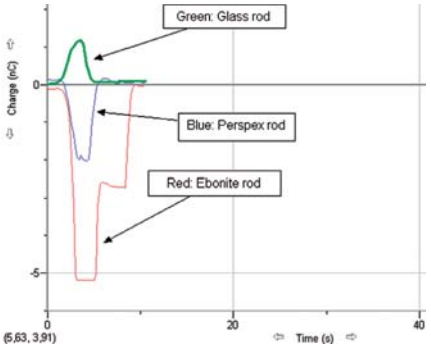
Charging by conduction means that the charging rod actually touches the electroscope's hook. Since there is contact, electrons from the knob would flow onto a positive rod or off of a negative rod.

Charging by conduction leaves the electroscope, with a residual charge identical to that of the charging rod.

When the electrified rod touches the electroscope, it is possible to observe that the leaves of the instrument move apart one from the other.

The negative charge induced by the metallic rod causes a repulsive action that moves them apart.

Using the graduated scale we can measure the size of this charge.



Different charges induced by rubbing ebonite, Perspex and glass with wool.

Experiment

Further examples of experiments performed using the Electrostatics System

A quick look at the possibilities offered by this system

Sample use of the pith ball electroscope.

The electrostatic charge causes the neon tube to light.

Experiment

Conductive sphere and hollow sphere

How the charge is distributed in different shapes

Charging the conductive sphere.

This experiment shows how the shape of the conductor influences the surface charge on it.

The first experiment shows that the surface charge in a conductive sphere depends on the quantity of charge you put in it.

In the second case, despite the amount of charge placed on the hollow sphere, the inner surface remains uncharged.

Measuring the inner charge of a hollow sphere.

Measuring the surface charge of a conductive sphere.

Magnetics System 1

4867.10

A basic introductory system to study the magnetism produced by various permanent magnets

Magnetics System 1 in durable ABS carry case.

Specifications

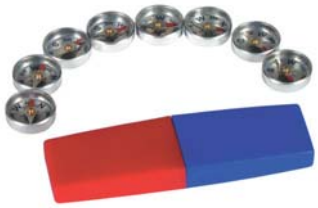
Size: 50 x 42 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 4 kg
Packing: external suitcase in durable ABS plastic, internal foam to prevent accidental shock

Equipment suggested

Overhead Projector
Magnetic Field Sensor (code 2313.50)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The Magnetics System 1 permits the demonstration of the characteristics of various shaped magnets.
In this system we study basic magnetic flux lines (of various shaped permanent magnets in 2D and 3D), deflection of a magnetic needle, compasses, magnetic dipoles, magnetic hysteresis, eddy currents, Earth's magnet, etc.

Plastic coated bar magnets with plotting compasses.



Magnetic field lines of force demonstrated by series of plotting compasses.

Magnet system with all components.

Laws and principles investigated

- Ampère's Equivalence Theorem
- Attractive-Repulsive magnetic forces
- Biot-Savart Law
- Earth's magnetic field
- Eddy currents
- Faraday's Law
- Image charge method
- Lenz's Law
- Magnetic dipole and its interactions
- Magnetic dipole vs. magnetic monopole
- Magnetic field
- Magnetic force
- Magnetic hysteresis
- Magnetic moment determination
- Magnetic and Electrostatic Mapping
- Ohm's Law
- Magnetisation and demagnetisation of steel and iron

Components

• Floating magnets with base support		4612.00
• Neodymium magnet	(5x)	4611.86
• Aluminium foil for eddy currents		4612.63
• Magnetic field chamber 2D		4611.10
• Magnetic field chamber 3D		4611.12
• Pocket compass, diam. 38 mm		4614.40
• Plotting compass	(10x)	4614.31
• U-shaped magnet (with keeper)		4611.71
• Horseshoe magnet (with keeper)		4611.72
• Horseshoe magnet (with keeper)		4611.81
• Pair of cylindrical magnets		4611.18
• Earth's magnetic model (diam. 55 mm)		4614.70
• Pair of plastic cased bar magnets		4611.40
• Pair of bar magnets (Chrome Steel)		4611.50
• Pair of bar magnets (Alnico)		4611.65
• Pair of bar magnets (Ferrite)		4612.09
• Ring magnets	(5x)	4612.03
• Cylindrical iron bar		4867.10-004
• Cylindrical steel bar		4867.10-005
• Hook		4867.10-006
• Ferromagnetic chain (length 200 cm)		4867.10-007
• Iron filings (package of 300 g)		4612.12
• Stainless steel sphere		4230.85

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

- Magnetic field lines in 2D and 3D • Deflection of a magnetic needle
- Compasses • Magnetic dipole interactions
- Magnetic hysteresis of a steel bar • Eddy currents in an aluminium tube
- The Earth's magnetic field

Experiment

Magnetic drag force

Observe the effect of the eddy currents acting on a magnet falling in an aluminium tube

Students demonstrating the effect of the eddy current (Lenz's Law).

A falling magnet inducing a force inside an aluminium tube which is against itselfs. A nice demonstration of Lenz's Law.

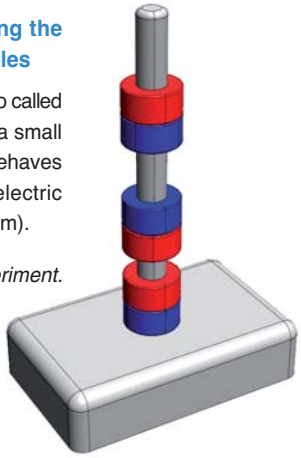
Experiment demonstrating the magnetic drag force acting on a permanent magnet falling in an aluminium pipe.

Experiment

Floating magnets

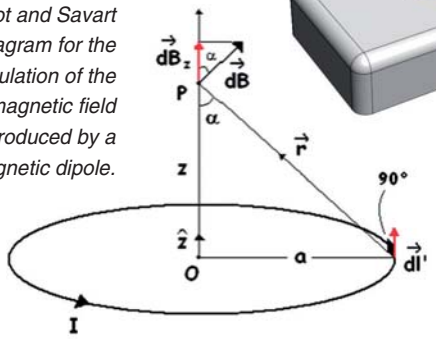
A simple experiment demonstrating the interaction between magnetic dipoles

Andre Marie Ampère hypothesised (the so called "elementary current hypothesis"), that a small permanent magnet (magnetic dipole) behaves as a coil in which is flowing a direct electric current (Ampère's Equivalence Theorem).

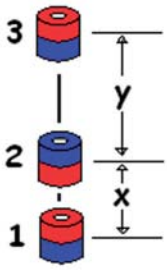


Floating magnets experiment.

Biot and Savart diagram for the calculation of the magnetic field produced by a magnetic dipole.



A force experienced an intermediate magnetic dipole is defined as the inverse of the fourth power of the distance between the lower and upper dipole. We can then use a near approximation of this force and ignore the interactions between the dipoles.

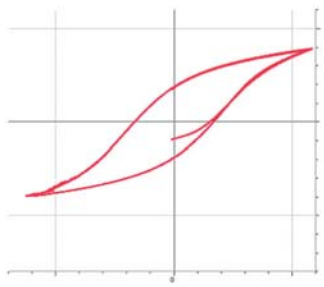


Variables used in the floating magnets experiment.

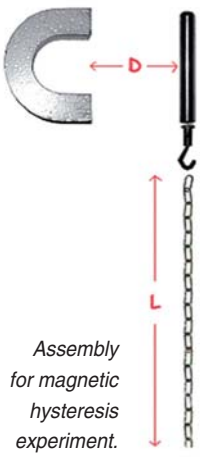
$$\frac{x}{y} = \frac{1}{2^{1/4}} \simeq 0.84$$

A very interesting result since the ratio is evidently independent of the mass and dipole moment of the magnets (as long as all three are the same and by using the next nearest approximation).

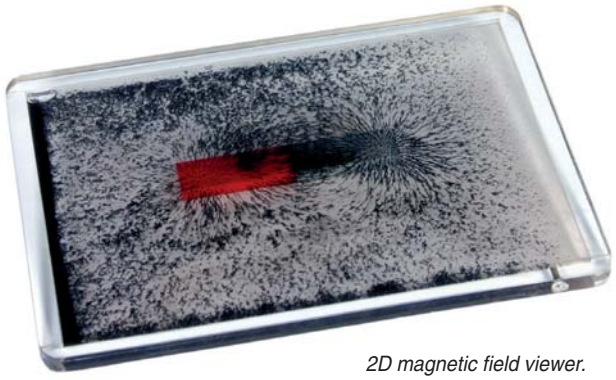
Further examples of classical experiments • **A quick look at further experiments of the Magnetic System 1**



Experimental data showing the magnetic hysteresis experiment, using a datalogger with a magnetic field sensor (y-axis) and a current sensor (x-axis).



Assembly for magnetic hysteresis experiment.



2D magnetic field viewer.

Magnetics System 2

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An intermediate lab system to investigate the magnetic field produced by permanent magnets and electric currents

Magnetics System 2 comes in a durable ABS plastic case with foam inserts.

Specifications

Size: 50 x 42 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 4 kg
Packing: comes with a durable ABS plastic carry case

Equipment needed

Power Supply 30 A (code 2407.60)

Equipment suggested

Overhead Projector
Magnetic Field Sensor (code 2313.50)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The Magnetics System 2 is designed to demonstrate the basic principles electromagnetic flux lines (of current carrying conductors), deflection of a magnetic needle, the magnetic field produced by a permanent magnet and paramagnetic and ferromagnetic substances, etc. The Magnetics System 2 is also suitable for use with an overhead projector.

Magnetics System 2 components.

Components

• Pair of bar magnets	4867.20-001
• Iron filings (package of 300 g)	4612.12
• Support for acrylic discs	4867.20-002
• Clear acrylic disc for permanent magnet experience	4867.20-003
• Magnetic needle probe	4615.10
• Plastic funnel	1640.60
• Clear acrylic disc with straight wire conductor	4867.20-006
• Clear acrylic disc with long solenoid conductor	4867.20-007
• Clear acrylic disc vertical coil conductor	4867.20-008
• Pair of ferromagnetic bars	4610.50
• Aluminium ring	4867.20-010

Laws and principles investigated

• Ampère's Law • Biot-Savart Law
• Investigation of Magnetic circuits
• Magnetic field produced by permanent magnets
• Magnetic field produced by a current • North-south poles of a magnet
• Investigation of paramagnetic and ferromagnetic substances

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

• Magnetic field produced by permanent magnets • Magnetic poles
• Magnetic field produced by an electric current in a coil
• Magnetic field produced by an electric current in a wire
• Magnetic field produced by an electric current in a solenoid
• Paramagnetic and ferromagnetic substances

Example of the use of the carrying current conductor

Experiment data being taken using a magnetic field sensor.

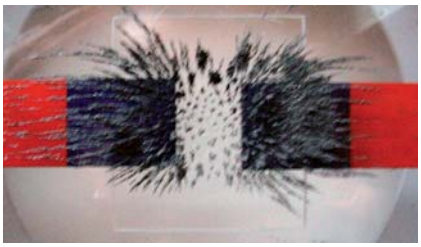
With a datalogger and a magnetic field sensor it is easy to gather and manipulate data with a computer.

Experiment

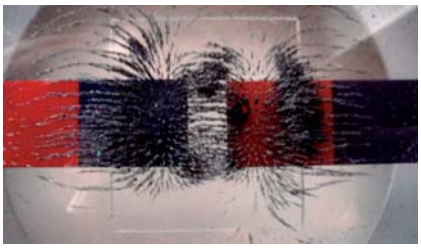
Magnetic field produced by a permanent magnet

This classic experiment shows magnetic lines of force produced by various combinations of bar-shaped magnets

One of the simplest ways for showing the behaviour of the lines of force of a magnetic field is the use of iron filings.
The small iron fragments orient themselves like small magnetic needles along the direction of the field, demonstrating the actual lines of force.



Magnetic field produced by two bar-shape magnets with same polarity.



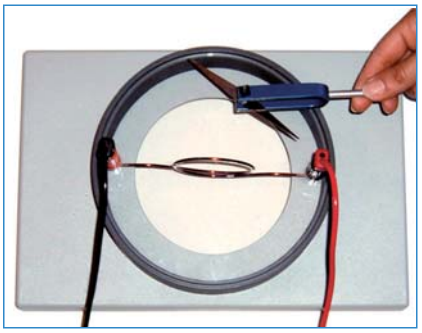
Magnetic field produced by two bar shape magnets with opposite polarities.

This is a very interesting demonstration showing the lines of force of a magnet using iron filings. Students can easily see where lines of force are greater, simply by the greater density of the iron filings and how they line up, and a very simple way to show how the North and South poles of a magnet differ.

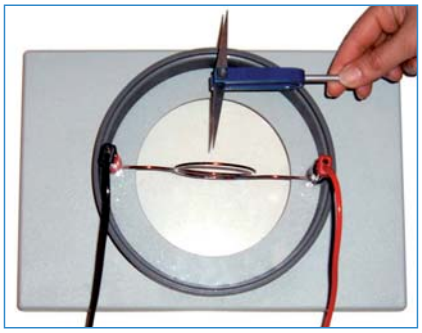
Experiment

Magnetic field produced by a current

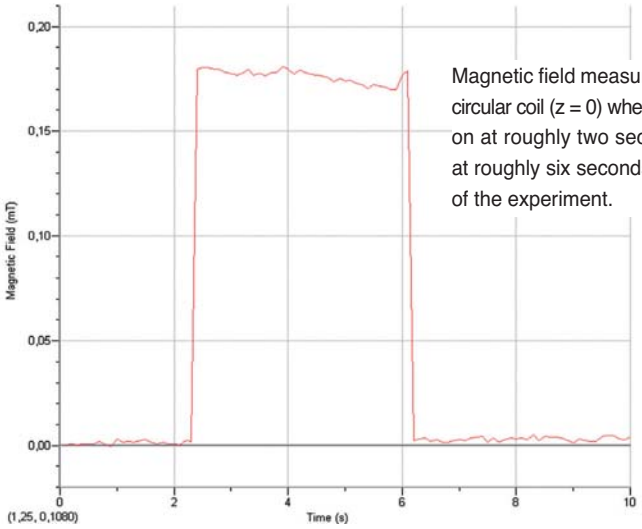
Experiment to show the magnetic lines of force produced by a current flowing in a circular shape conductor



When the current is turned off, the magnetic field probe is aligned with the earth's magnetic field.



When the current is turned on, the magnetic field probe is aligned with the magnetic field produced by the coil.



Magnetic field measured at the centre of a circular coil (z = 0) when the current is turned on at roughly two seconds and turned off at roughly six seconds from the beginning of the experiment.

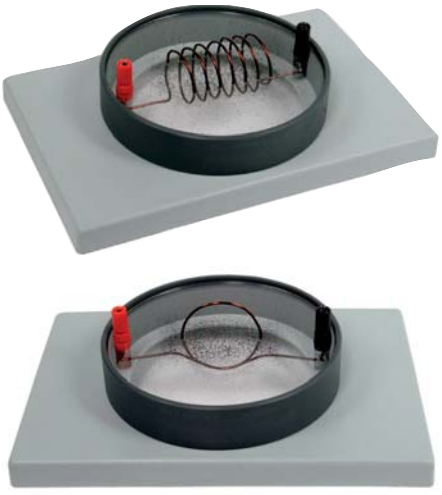
Magnetic field graph.

The screen shot shows a nice approximation of Ampère's hypothesis. By utilizing the Biot-Savart Law we can also demonstrate the magnetic field in the centre of a given coil.

Further experiments · **Some examples performed with this system**

Straight wire conductor prepared with iron filings.

Solenoid shape conductor prepared with iron filings.



Electricity System 1

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This comprehensive system provides a strong foundation for studies in electricity and electronics

Electricity System 1 in a durable carry case.

Specifications

Size: 50 x 42 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 4.5 kg
Packing: durable carry case in ABS with internal foam

Equipment needed

Regulated DC Power Supply Unit (code 2409.20)

Equipment suggested

Oscilloscope (code 2280.70)
Magnetic Field Sensor (code 2313.50)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

Electricity System 1 is designed as a perfect introduction to the basic fundamentals of electricity and provides a good platform for more advanced study. The system is designed to be assembled quickly and with ease.
Each connection block contains a description of the component housed inside it.
Connectors are made of special metal alloys that allow excellent conduction of current to give accurate results.
Electricity System 1 can be mounted on the Altay Magnetic Board (code 4114.30), for class demonstration experiments.

Laws and principles investigated

- Voltage and current measurement • Ohm's Law
- Kirchhoff's Laws • Resistance, capacitance and inductance in circuits
- Investigating the Potentiometer
- Charge and discharge of a capacitors in circuits • RC, RL and RLC circuits
- Magnetic energy and mechanical forces in circuits
- Mutual-induction in circuits • Series parallel circuit
- Electromagnetism in circuits

Voltmeter, ammeter, cell holders, switches and bridging plugs.

List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

- Investigating the Voltmeter • Investigating the Ammeter
- Electric resistance • Ohm's Laws • Series versus Parallel Circuits
- Kirchhoff's Laws (nodes and loops) • Investigating the Capacitor
- Charging and discharging of a capacitor in a circuit
- Investigating capacitors in series and in parallel in a circuit
- Investigating electric cells • Investigating the electric bulb
- A study of the electromagnet

Components

• Board (for Electricity and Electronics)		4762.02
• Voltmeter, 0÷15 V and 0÷1.5 V (4 plug)		4762.60
• Ammeter, 0÷500 mA and 0÷50 mA (4 plug)		4762.62
• Resistor 100 Ω 2 W (2 plug)	(4x)	4763.18
• Resistor 220 Ω 2 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.20
• Resistor 470 Ω 2 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.24
• Resistor 1 kΩ 2 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.26
• Resistor 4.7 kΩ 0.25 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.32
• Resistor 10 kΩ 0.25 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.34
• Potentiometer 100 Ω 5 W (4 plug)		4763.81
• Lamp holder for E10 bulbs (2 plug)	(4x)	4762.36
• Capacitor 1000 μF (2 plug)	(2x)	4764.28
• Two cell holder (4 plug)	(2x)	4762.28
• Coil 10 mH (2 plug)		4764.42
• Compass		4614.40
• Bridging plugs (2 plug)	(4x)	4762.20
• Push-button switch (2 plug)		4762.70
• Toggle switch, single pole (2 plug)		4762.72
• Lamp bulb E10, 2.8 V	(4x)	2505.61
• Lamp bulb E10, 6 V	(4x)	2505.64
• Lamp bulb E10, 12 V	(4x)	2505.65
• Cylindrical magnet		4764.44
• Ferromagnetic core		4764.46
• Stackable plug lead, length 25 cm, red	(2x)	2522.02
• Stackable plug lead, length 25 cm, black	(2x)	2522.07
• Stackable plug lead, length 50 cm, red		2522.03
• Stackable plug lead, length 50 cm, black		2522.08

The circuit experiment board for the Electricity System is designed to be easy to use and intuitive. The circuit experiment board consists of a series of sockets which are designed to fit the connector blocks.
The blocks are easily identified by schematic diagram of the component printed on top, so that the student can have a clearly defined view of the circuit or experiment being built.

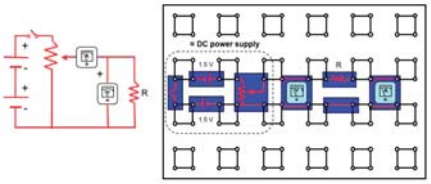
Series and parallel sample circuits experimental setup.

Experiment

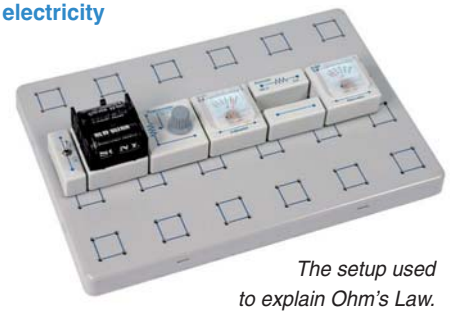
Ohm's Law · **The fundamental principle of electricity**

The Ohm's Law is the fundamental law of electricity and it helps us understand the relational between current, voltage and resistance.
Ohm's Law explains that the amount of electrical current flowing through a metal conductor of a circuit is directly proportional to the voltage across it, for any given temperature.
Ohm derived this relationship in a simple mathematical form as follows: (current (I), voltage (V) and resistance (R):

$$V = IR$$ *Ohm's Law.*



ELECTRIC CIRCUIT — ASSEMBLY SCHEME



The setup used to explain Ohm's Law.

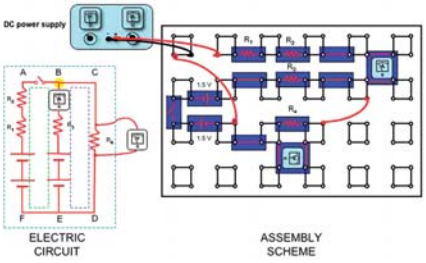
This law can be verified by means of the circuit above. The student can calculate the value of the resistance by applying a voltage value and measuring the corresponding current value and their results can be graphed.
The student can also vary the value of the resistance and verify investigate the consistency of Ohm's Law.

Circuit schematics.

Experiment

The Kirchhoff's Laws · **Two practical principles for describing electrical circuits**

The two Kirchhoff's Laws are very useful tools for solving simple and complex electrical circuits.
The First Kirchhoff's Law (or Kirchhoff's Current Law) states that in every node of a circuit in which two or more branches are connected, the algebraic sum of all currents entering and exiting the junction must be equal to zero.
The Second Kirchhoff's Law (or Kirchhoff's Voltage Law) establishes that in every loop of a circuit the algebraic sum of all voltages in a loop must be equal to zero.

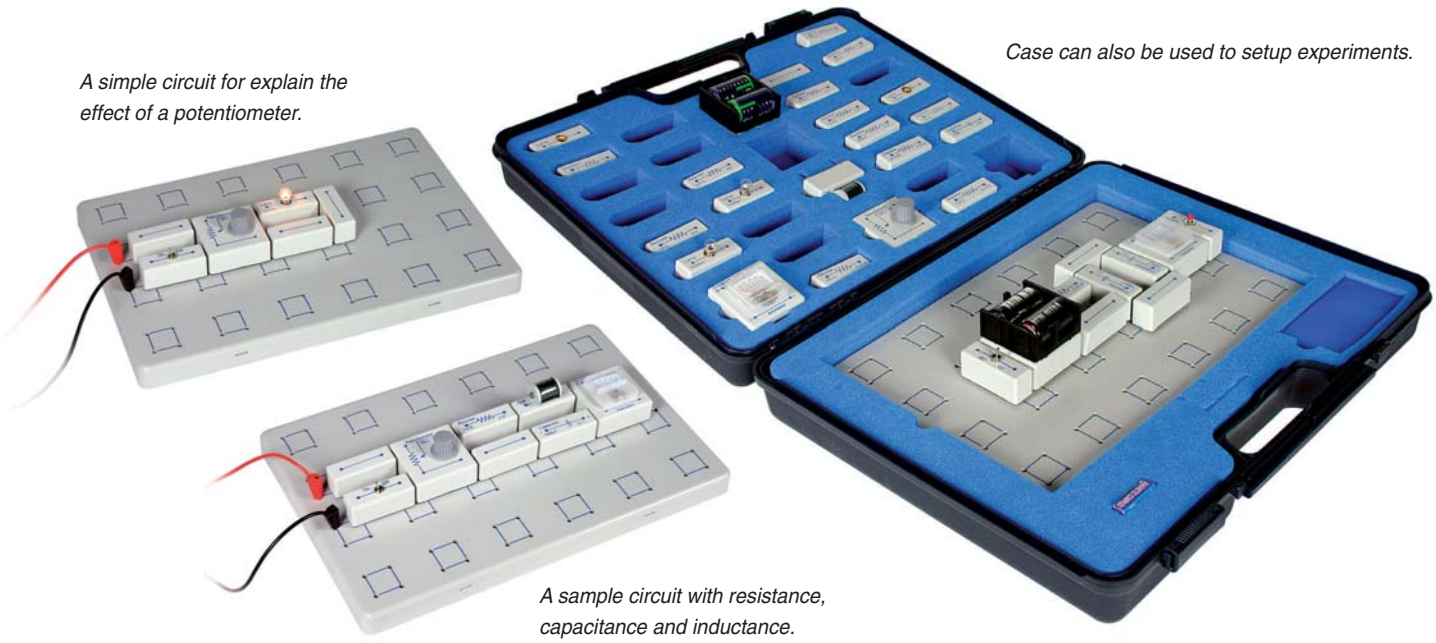


ELECTRIC CIRCUIT — ASSEMBLY SCHEME

Example of a more complex circuit explaining the application of both Kirchhoff's Laws.

Further examples of classical experiments · **More circuits experiments performed with this system**

A simple circuit for explain the effect of a potentiometer.



Case can also be used to setup experiments.

A sample circuit with resistance, capacitance and inductance.

Electricity System 2

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An advanced electricity lab for electrical circuit projects

Electricity System 2.

Specifications

Size: 50 x 42 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 4 kg
Packing: external suitcase in a durable ABS plastic carry case

Equipment needed

Electricity System 1 (code 4866.10)
Regulated DC Power Supply Unit (code 2409.20)

Equipment suggested

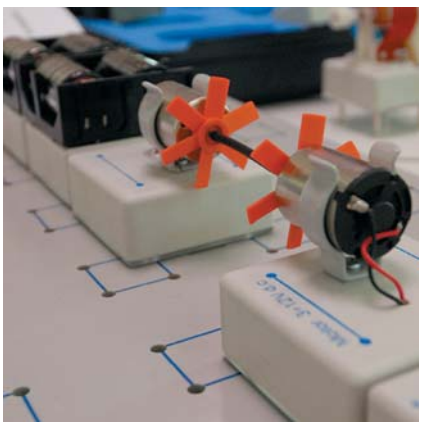
Digital Multimeter (code 2275.10)
Magnetic Field Sensor (code 2313.50)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The Electricity System 2 is an advanced system designed to teach practical applications in circuits. The system completes and can be used with our Electricity System 1. Our system consists of a set of plastic blocks which house the electrical components (such as motors, buzzers, etc).
Each block connects to the base by two or four plugs with 4 mm sockets. Once inserted into the board, the circuit starts to build.
All the components of the kit are stored in a foam cushioned durable plastic storage case.

Laws and principles investigated

- What is a transformer • Investigating the behaviour of electric motors
- Looking at electric energy transformation into mechanical energy
- The principle of the dynamo
- Looking at mechanical energy transformation into electrical energy
- Experiments with luminosity

The transformer model components.



Electricity System 2 is easy to use and quick to set up. Using the experiment circuit board in System 1, you can now perform advanced electricity experiments.

Mounting detail for a sample experiment.

Components

• Relay, 6÷12 V (4 plug)		4764.70
• Motor Unit, 3÷12 V (4 plug)	(2x)	4764.90
• Plastic Propeller		4764.91
• Motor Model (4 plug)		4764.94
• Double C core		4730.80
• Spring Steel Clip		4730.81
• Coil, 400 turns	(2x)	4730.91
• Coil, 1600 turns		4730.87
• Toggle switch, single pole (2 plug)		4762.72
• Push-button switch (2 plug)		4762.70
• Reversing switch (4 plug)	(2x)	4762.74
• Bridging plugs (2 plug)	(2x)	4762.20
• Buzzer, 3÷12 V (2 plug)		4764.74

Plug in block components.

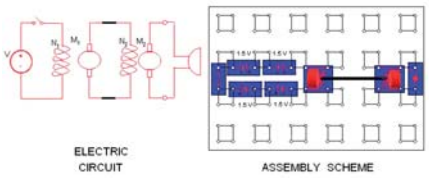
List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

- Using a transformer • Experiments with a relay • The electric motor
- Electric energy transformation into mechanical energy
- Mechanical energy transformation into electrical energy *e.g.* the dynamo
- Controlling the luminous intensity of a lamp
- Controlling the speed and direction of an electric motor
- Using a buzzer in a circuit • Use of a relay in a circuit

Experiment

Dynamo · How to transform mechanical into electrical energy

A dynamo can be described as a kind of DC motor used in reverse.
Also known as an electrical generator, it is a device for converting mechanical energy into electrical energy.
There are two types of generator or dynamo. Both turn rotational energy into electrical energy. One type involves rotating a coil inside a magnet. The other involves rotating a magnet inside a coil (like a dynamo found on a bicycle). Both types produce alternating current.
Therefore, a DC motor is a dynamo operating in reverse.



The electrical energy can then be used to power a buzzer.

In this experiment, the student can verify that the first motor is supplied with an electric voltage and transfers the mechanical motion to the second motor by means of a rubber band.
The motion produced by this motor is then used to produce an electric voltage which in turn can power the buzzer.
The buzzer will then produce an audible sound.

Transforming energy using a dynamo.

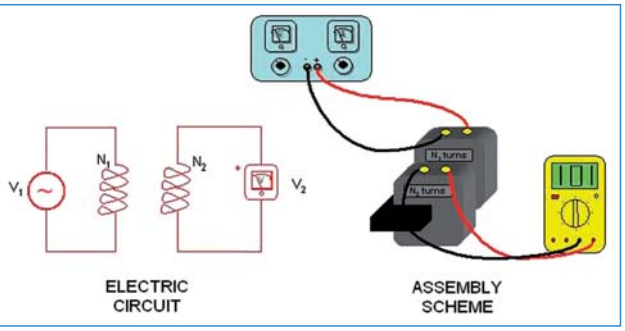
Experiment

Transformers · How to obtain a different voltage

The transformer is an electric machine able to change (transform) an AC input voltage to another AC output voltage. It consists of two coils (primary and secondary) wrapped around the same ferromagnetic core, as shown in the picture.

Using a Transformer.

Experiment using a transformer to change the voltage provided by a power supply.



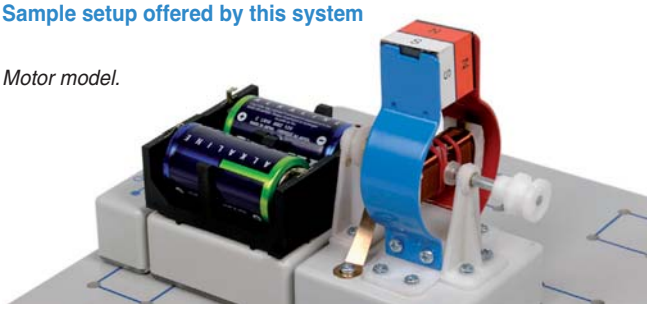
Let us indicate with N_1 the number of turns of the primary coil and with N_2 the number of turns of the secondary coil, therefore we can define a coil turn ratio as: $\frac{N_1}{N_2}$ while we define a voltage transformation ratio as: $\frac{V_1}{V_2}$

It can be proved that: $\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$ That is the transformation ratio is equal to the turn coil ratio.

If $N_1 > N_2$, then the voltage on the primary will be greater than the one on the secondary (step-down transformer).
Otherwise, if $N_1 < N_2$, then the voltage on the secondary will be greater than the one on the primary (step-up transformer).
Students can try to measure (with a digital multimeter) both the voltage at the primary and the voltage at the secondary, for different coil turn ratios, as shown in the picture above.

Further examples of classical experiments
Sample setup offered by this system

Motor model.



Electronics System 1

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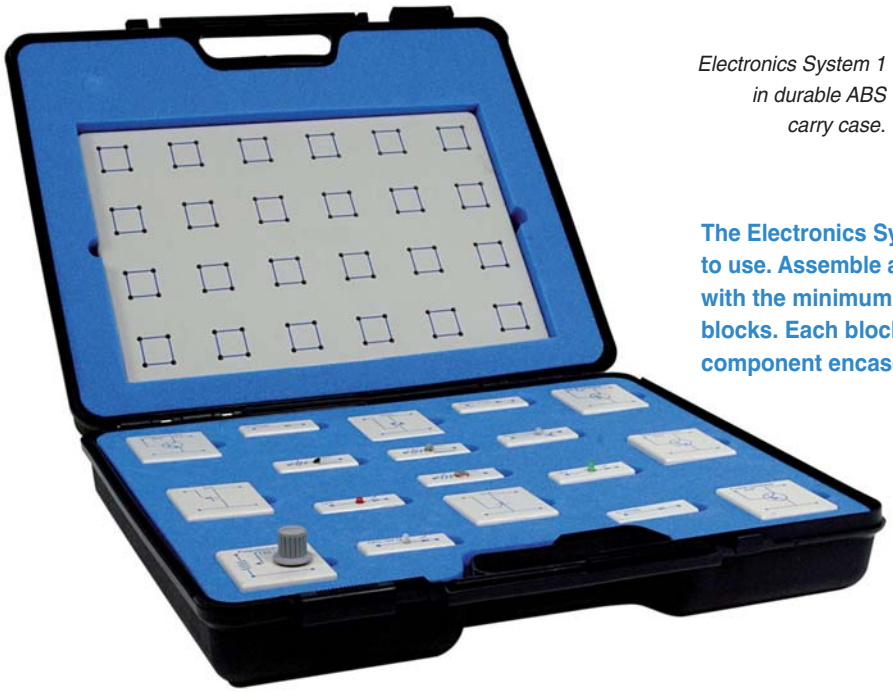
A comprehensive system introducing the principles of electronics



Electronics System 1 in durable ABS carry case.

Specifications

Size: 50 x 42 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 3.5 kg
Packing: external suitcase in hard ABS, internal foam for prevent accidental shock

Equipment needed

Electricity System 1 (code 4866.10)
Regulated DC Power Supply Unit (code 2409.20)

Equipment suggested

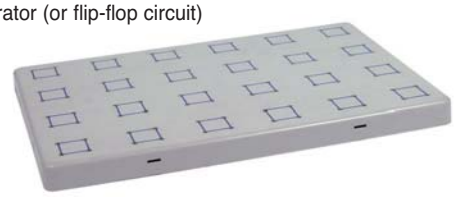
Digital Multimeter (code 2275.10)

The Electronics System 1 is designed to be rugged and easy to use. Assemble and teach electronic circuits and principles with the minimum of fuss using our easy to use electronic blocks. Each block contains a fully functional electronic component encased; everything from a potentiometer to a photo resistor. Using this kit, you can observe and understand how semi-conductor components work and their characteristic behaviour in static and dynamic circuits. Electronics System 1 can be mounted on the Altay Magnetic Board (code 4114.30), for class demonstration experiments.
The system includes a durable ABS plastic carry case with foam inserts.

Laws and principles investigated

- Characteristics of diode • Investigating transistors
- Comparing PNP and NPN transistors
- Characteristics LED diodes and Infrared LEDs
- Looking at photoresistors versus phototransistors
- Experiments on power dissipation
- Investigating Signal versus Power transistors
- Transistors in power applications: thyristors (SCR, UJT and TRIAC)
- Theory of rectification in circuits • Theory of reflection in circuits
- Temperature and the use of thermistors in circuits
- Looking at Zener diodes in circuits
- The astable multivibrator (or flip-flop circuit)

Experiment Board.



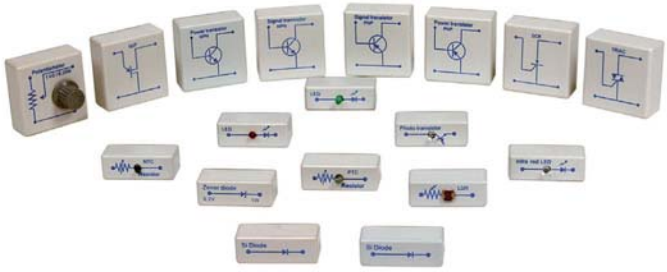
List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

- Investigating the diode and the PN junction • LED diodes
- Experiments with rectifier diodes • Working with Zener diodes
- Experiments with the PNP transistor • Experiments with the NPN transistor
- Comparison between the signal and power transistor
- Experiments with the unijunction transistor UJT
- Experiments with the silicon controlled rectifier SCR
- Investigating the TRIAC • Working with the phototransistor
- What is photoresistance?
- Experiments with the PTC (positive temperature coefficient) resistor
- Experiments with the NTC (negative temperature coefficient) resistor
- Experiments with the astable multivibrator

Components

• Board (for electricity and electronics)		4762.02
• Si diode (2 plug)	(2x)	4765.44
• Signal transistor PNP (4 plug)		4766.06
• Signal transistor NPN (4 plug)		4766.02
• Power transistor PNP (4 plug)		4766.08
• Power transistor NPN (4 plug)		4766.04
• LED, red colour (2 plug)		4765.20
• LED, green colour (2 plug)		4765.22
• Infrared LED diode (2 plug)		4765.28
• Unijunction transistor UJT (4 plug)		4766.20
• Silicon controlled rectifier SCR (4 plug)		4766.22
• Triac (4 plug)		4766.24
• Photo transistor (2 plug)		4765.08
• Photoresistance LDR (2 plug)		4763.76
• Zener diode 6.2 V (2 plug)		4765.48
• PTC resistor (2 plug)		4763.72
• NTC resistor (2 plug)		4763.74
• Potentiometer 1kΩ 0.25 W (4 plug)		4763.85

Components included with the system.

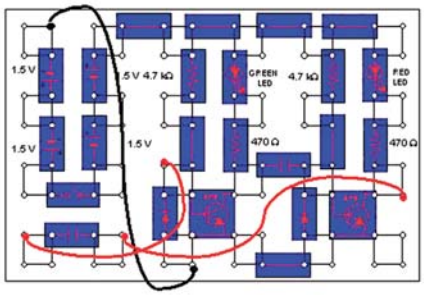


Experiment

The Astable Multivibrator · **Building a flip-flop circuit**

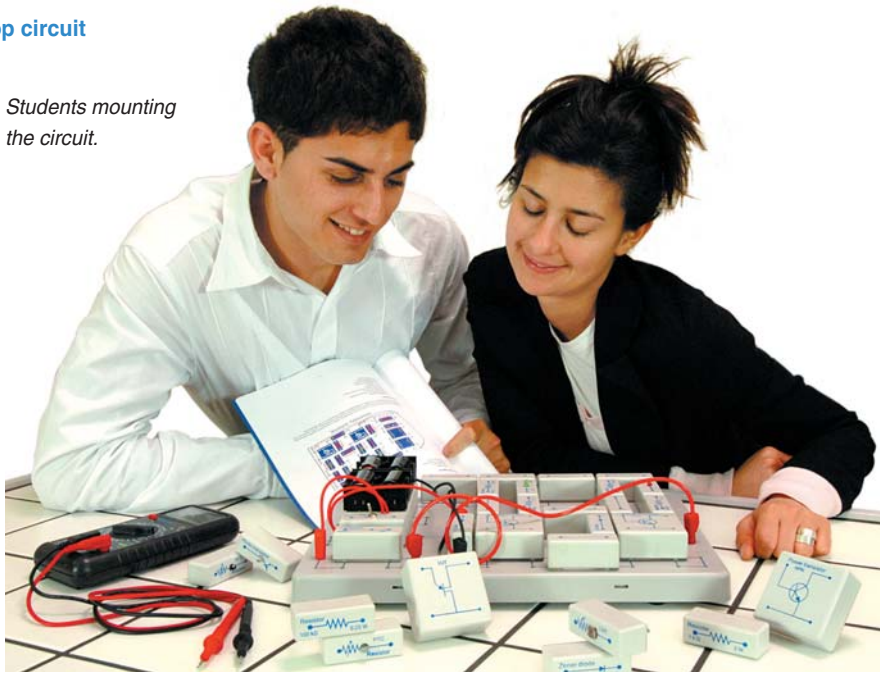
An astable multivibrator is a two-stage switching circuit where the output of the first stage is connected to the input of the second and vice-versa. The outputs of both stages are complementary. This multivibrator generates square waves without any external triggering pulse. The circuit has two stable states and switches back and forth from one state to another, remaining in each state for a period depending upon the discharging of the capacitive circuit.

ASSEMBLY SCHEME



Flip-flop circuit.

Students mounting the circuit.



The multivibrator is an example of a relaxation oscillator, whose frequency may be controlled by external synchronizing pulses.

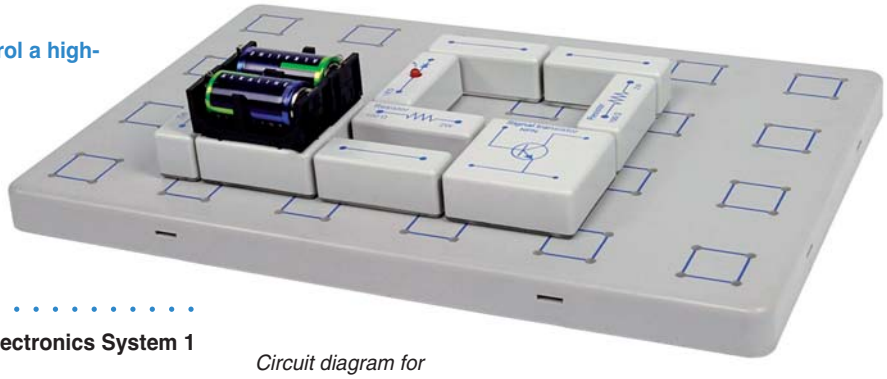
Experiment

Transistors as current amplifiers

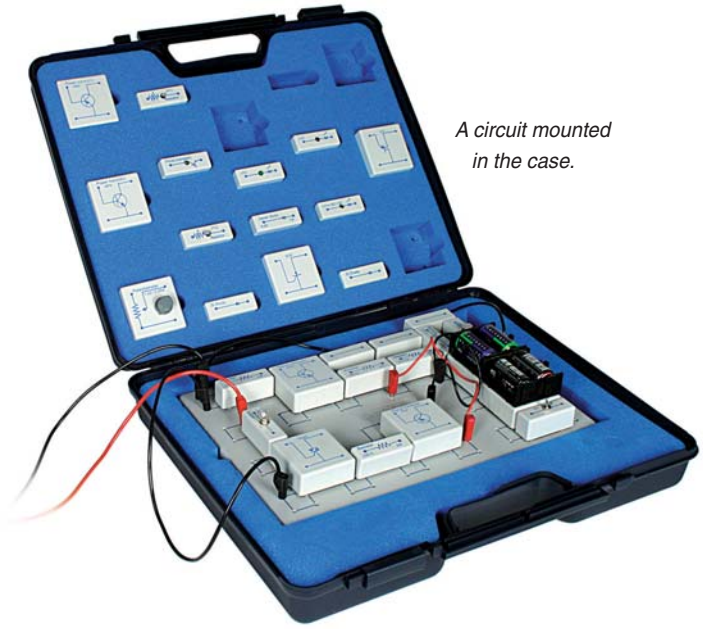
A low-power input signal allows you to control a high-power output signal

A bipolar transistor works as a current regulator. In a NPN transistor, the main current goes from the collector to the emitter, while the small current goes from the base to the emitter.

Circuit setup.

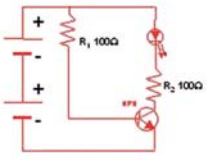


Further examples of experiments with the Electronics System 1

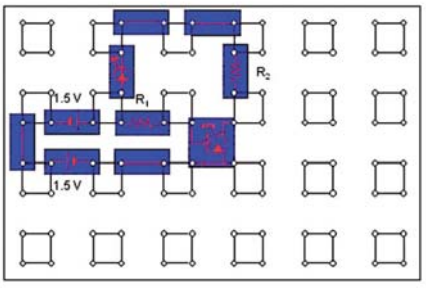


A circuit mounted in the case.

Circuit diagram for a current amplifier using a NPN transistor.



ELECTRIC CIRCUIT



ASSEMBLY SCHEME

For example, this experiment highlights the effect of the current amplification using an LED diode. A light-emitting diode (LED) is a diode that glows when a current flows into it in a forward direction.
In our circuit, a resistance R = 100 Ω has been inserted in order to limit the current flowing through the LED. Once the NPN transistor has been properly connected, a current that flows through the LED will glow red.
This means that the small current injected through the base of the transistor has been amplified into a higher current through the collector and the LED.

Electronics System 2

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An advanced electronics system for circuit projects, analysis and circuit testing

Electronics System 2 comes with durable ABS plastic carry case with foam inserts.

Specifications

Size: 50 x 42 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 3 kg
Packing: comes with a durable ABS plastic carry case with foam inserts

Equipment needed

Electronics System 1 (code 4868.10)
Regulated DC Power Supply Unit (code 2409.20)

Equipment suggested

Digital Multimeter (code 2275.10)
Voltage Probe (code 2313.30)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

Electronics System 2 consists of a set of components mounted in handy to use plug-in "blocks" with two or four plug sockets. Together with our Electronics System 1, you can perform many advanced experiments.

The system allows the student to quickly setup and assemble circuits by simply plugging each electrical circuit "blocks" into the lab circuit board. Using our System 2 upgrade, you take students from the basic properties of transistors right through to practical applications of electronic amplifiers.

Laws and principles investigated

- Investigating the diode's physical behaviour in a circuit
- Looking at the transistor's physical behaviour • Polarization within a circuit
- Stability of a transistor • Experiments looking at the amplification in a circuit

Each component can easily be interconnected with each other through our specially developed lab circuit board.

Components included into the Electronics System 2.

Components

• Microphone with cable		4766.50
• Loudspeaker (4 plug)		4766.54
• Bridge rectifier (4 plug)		4765.42
• Signal transistor NPN (4 plug)	(2x)	4766.02
• Power transistor NPN (4 plug)		4766.04
• Capacitor 500 μF not polarized (2 plug)	(2x)	4764.12
• Capacitor 50 μF not polarized (2 plug)	(2x)	4764.06
• Capacitor 10 μF not polarized (2 plug)	(2x)	4764.26
• Capacitor 1 μF not polarized (2 plug)	(2x)	4764.22
• Resistor 47 Ω 2 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.16
• Resistor 2.2 kΩ 2 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.28
• Resistor 3.3 kΩ 2 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.30
• Resistor 10 kΩ 0.25 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.34
• Resistor 47 kΩ 0.25 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.40
• Resistor 100 kΩ 0.25 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.42
• Resistor 1 MΩ 0.25 W (2 plug)	(2x)	4763.44
• Bridging plugs (2 plug)	(2x)	4762.20
• Plugs, 90°	(2x)	4762.22
• Potentiometer, 100 kΩ 0.25W (4 plug)		4763.92
• Stackable plug lead, length 25 cm, red	(2x)	2522.02
• Stackable plug lead, length 25 cm, black	(2x)	2522.07
• Stackable plug lead, length 50 cm, red	(2x)	2522.03
• Stackable plug lead, length 50 cm, black	(2x)	2522.08

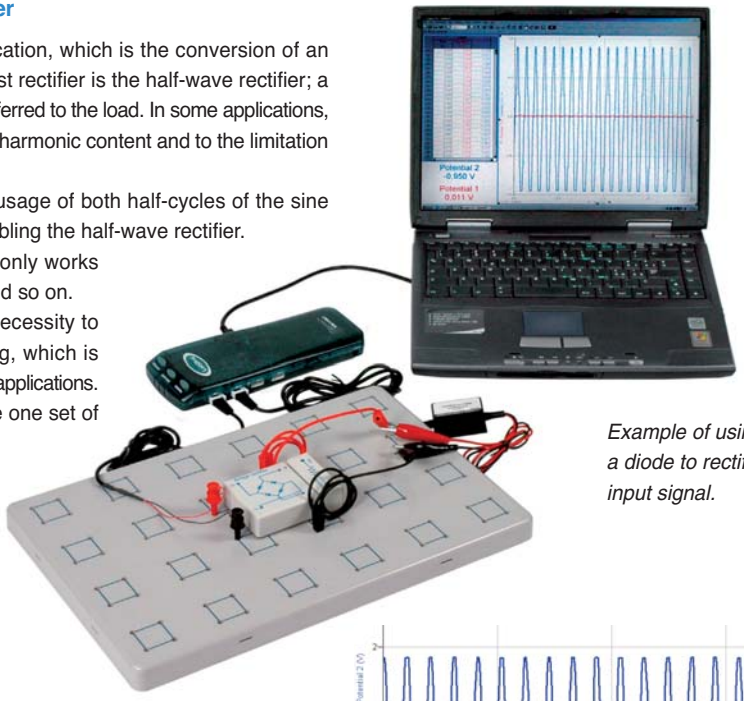
List of the experiments detailed in the instruction manual

- The bridge rectifier • The voltage follower • The common emitter amplifier
- The common base amplifier • The common collector amplifier
- The current mirror amplifier • The audio amplifier

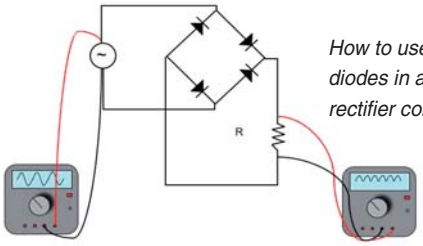
Experiment

Bridge rectifier · Using a diode as a full-wave rectifier

One of the most famous applications of the diode is rectification, which is the conversion of an alternating current (AC) to a direct current (DC). The simplest rectifier is the half-wave rectifier; a single diode allows only one half of an AC waveform to be transferred to the load. In some applications, half-wave rectification has a high inefficiency due to the large harmonic content and to the limitation of supplying power to the load once every half-cycle.
If one needs to rectify AC power in order to obtain the full usage of both half-cycles of the sine wave, a more efficient circuit can be obtained by simply doubling the half-wave rectifier.
The resulting circuit is called full-wave rectifier; one diode only works during the first half-wave, the other in the next half-wave, and so on.
But this two-diode rectifier has a large disadvantage: the necessity to use a transformer with a centre-tapped secondary winding, which is generally cumbersome and expensive, especially in high-power applications.
Usually, a four-diode bridge configuration is preferred. While one set of two parallel diodes is forward biased, the other set is reverse biased and can be considered as eliminated from the circuit.

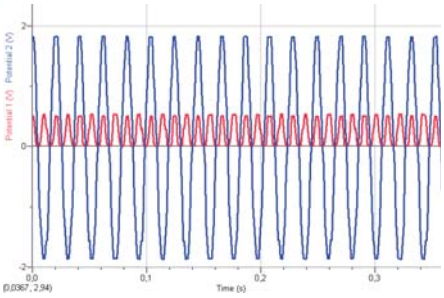


Example of using a diode to rectify an input signal.



How to use four diodes in a bridge rectifier configuration.

By using a datalogger we can easily study rectification in a circuit.
The datalogger is used for recording the signal traces of the input and output.



Example of a screenshot (resistance R = 100 Ω, voltage amplitude A input = 2 V, frequency f = 50 Hz). The blue line is the input signal, while the red line is the output, rectified signal.

Experiment

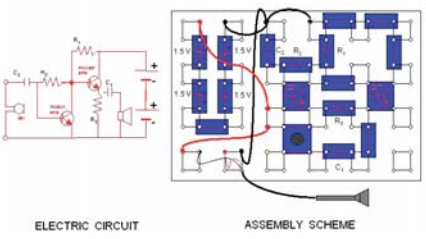
Audio amplifier · How to design a basic amplifier

With Electronics System 2 it is possible to design a basic audio amplifier. This is a simple circuit that will boost the input audio signal then generating an output signal by means of a speaker. The circuit is composed of two transistors, one being the driver, the other being the power transistor.

Simple circuit design of basic audio amplifier.

Students using the amplifier.

The input audio signal, generated by a microphone, is boosted by the circuit and is picked up at the output by means of a speaker.
The circuit provides the student with a good way to observe the practical behaviour of an amplifier.



Audio amplifier circuit setup.

SINGLE ITEMS

Our belief in hands-on science has been the inspiration behind the development of **Altay's Single Items**.

As the result of a unique modular design, the **Altay Multiuse System** and the **Altay Magnetic Board** can be used to perform multiple experiments using common elements – in other words, flexibility and affordability guaranteed.

In addition, our single items focus on selective experiments to demonstrate scientific principles in depth while capable of working with a complete range of data loggers and sensors assuring consistent accuracy.

Carefully designed and crafted with significant input from teachers, our single items guarantee high quality at competitive prices.

The Altay Multiuse System

A new and unique Altay physics bench that can be used for mechanics and optics experiments.

Multiuse System overview.

The Multiuse System has been devised as a multipurpose system that can be used for kinematics, pendulum, free fall and optics experiments.
As the result of a modular design, multiple experiments can be set up easily and quickly. All you need is one Multiuse System, then purchase whatever upgrade kit you require.
You need only to buy the bench once!

Multiuse System used as a dynamics track.

Components

With Altay Multiuse System you can add the following upgrades and convert your bench to a complete dynamics, mechanics or optics system:

- **Altay Track Set (code 4954.12)**
  Aluminium track with accessories
- **Mechanics Upgrade 1 (code 4941.14)**
  Two Altay Carts, new design, track's terminals and accessories
- **Mechanics Upgrade 2 (code 4941.21)**
  Spheres for free fall and pendulum experiments, electromagnet and accessories
- **Optics Upgrade 1 (code 4944.11)**
  Lenses, mirrors, prism and general hardware for the optical bench
- **Optics Upgrade 2 (code 4944.20)**
  Hartl disk, optical bodies for geometric optics experiments and accessories
- **Optics Upgrade 3 (code 4944.30)**
  Laser, diffraction gratings and accessories

Additional items

- **Timing Set (code 4922.10)**
  Electronic timer with photogates
- **Ball Launcher for Cart (code 4941.60)**
  Ball Launcher for Altay Cart, with accessories
- **Altay Cart without Plunger (code 4941.12)**
- **Altay Cart with Plunger (code 4941.13)**
- **Eddy Current Set (code 4941.51)**
  A powerful magnet and a set of solid and slitted flags to discover the eddy currents
- **Coupled Pendulum Set (code 4941.16)**
- **EM Trigger&Launcher for Cart (code 4941.17)**

Laws and principles investigated

Using our Upgrade Systems and the Track Set you can perform many experiments in mechanics and optics. Some of the experiments are as follows:

Mechanics

• Conservation of momentum and energy • Laws of dynamics
• Determination of velocity in dynamics systems • Determination of acceleration in dynamics systems
• Elastic and inelastic collisions • Impulse - momentum theorem • Concept of inertia
• Investigating kinetic and potential energy • Newton's 1st Law of Motion • Newton's 2nd Law of Motion
• Newton's 3rd Law of Motion • Rolling friction • Rectilinear uniform motion
• Uniform accelerated rectilinear motion • Projectile motion • Free fall motion • Law of the pendulum
• Drag force • Determination of the earth's gravity acceleration with free fall using the pendulum

Optics

• Convergent and divergent lenses • Concave and convex mirrors • Magnifier and magnifying power
• Focal length • Gauss approximation • Hyperopic eye • Myopic eye • Inverse square law of light
• Lens power • Luminous intensity • The prism • Ray tracing • Refractive index
• System of lenses • The microscope • The eye • The telescope • Thin lens equation
• Light reflection and refraction • Colours mixing

Multiuse System used as an optical bench.

Track Set

4954.12

The Altay Multipurpose Track Set

Designed to produce an almost frictionless track for the Altay Carts, it is also an Optical Bench, a Free Fall Stand for determination of "g" and a Pendulum Stand.
The Track Set has clearly defined scales printed on an attractive black anodised base.

Specifications

Length: 116 cm – Size: 116 x 7 x 4 cm – Weight: approx. 1.5 kg
Also available: Altay Track Set, length 145 cm (code 4954.11)

Altay Track.

The Altay Track is designed to be easily integrated with data logging sensors, such as motion sensors and photogate sensors.
This is truly a versatile addition to any physics lab and underlines Altay's commitment to quality products at affordable prices.

Altay Track showing the Dynamics Scale.

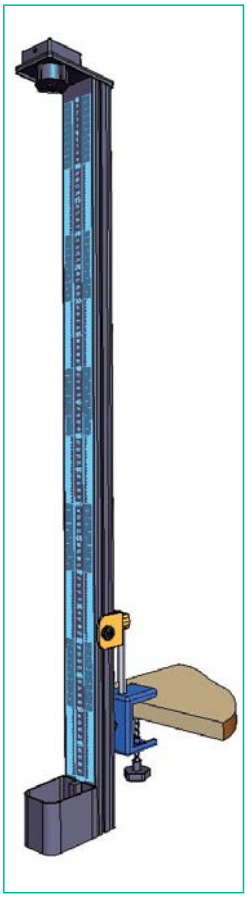
Altay Track showing Free Fall and Pendulum scales.

Altay Track with Optical Bench scale.

Components

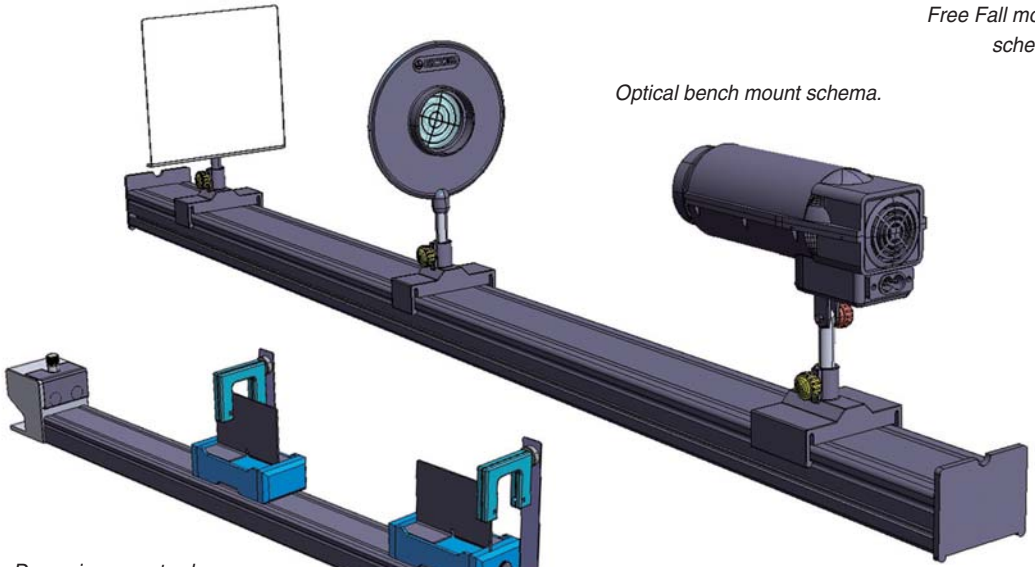
• Altay Track • Track terminals • Fixing nuts

Our Multiuse Track solution is designed to use only one track in multiple setups as a track in mechanics experiments, as an operating desk in free fall and pendulum experiences and as an optical bench.



Free Fall mount schema.

Optical bench mount schema.



Dynamics mount schema.

The Altay Multiuse System allows you perform dynamics as well as optics experiments.
If you already have the bench, you can obtain our "Upgrade Systems" to convert from optics to dynamics and vice-versa.

Mechanics Upgrade 1

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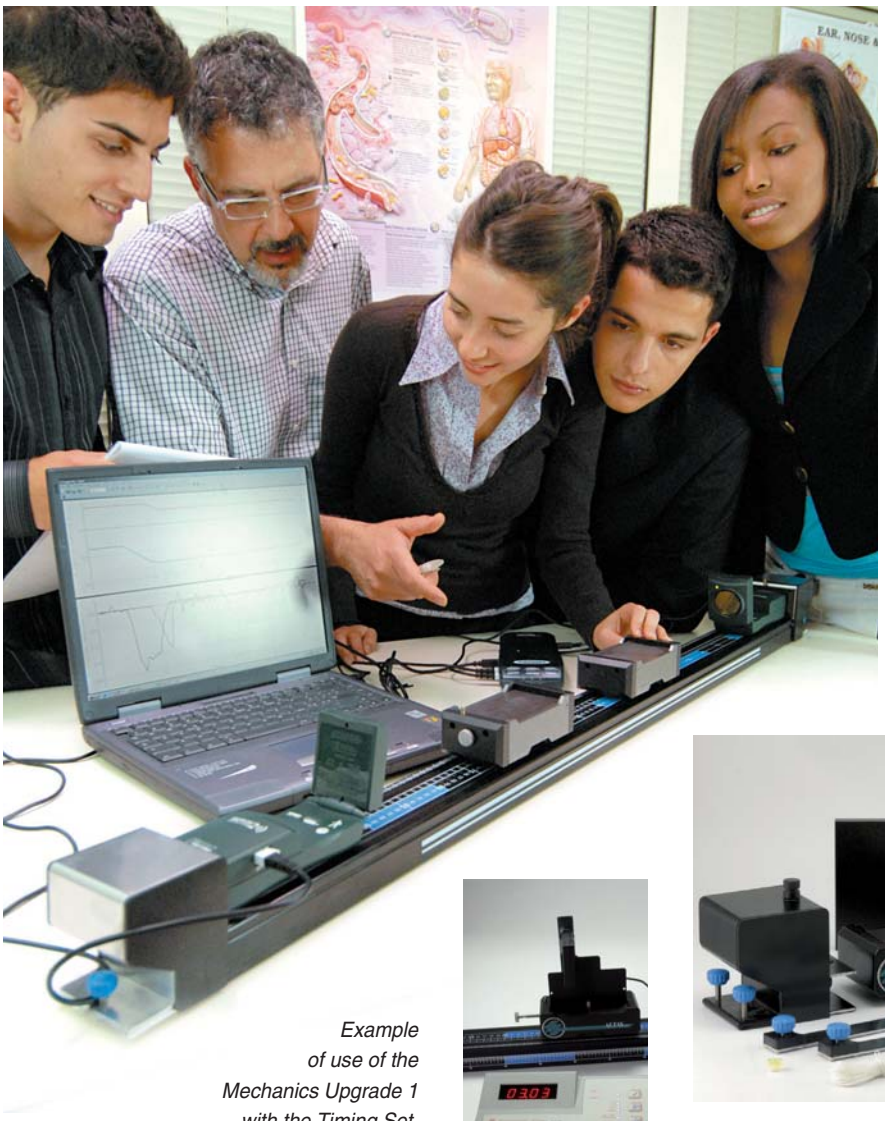
The Mechanics Upgrade 1 will give you a complete Dynamics System



Example of use of the Mechanics Upgrade 1 with the Timing Set.

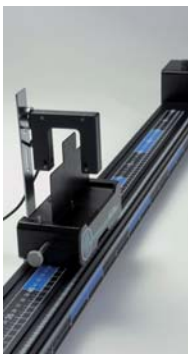
Equipment needed

Altay Track Set (code 4954.12)
Timing Set (code 4922.10)
or LoggerPro Data Logger (code 2300.10)
or Labquest (code 2300.30) with Two Motion Sensors (code 2310.10)

The Mechanics Upgrade 1 will give you a complete Dynamics System, with low friction carts and full accessories.
It is designed to perform experiments such as energy and/or momentum conservation, elastic and inelastic collisions, rolling friction, coupled harmonic oscillators, etc.
If you add further accessories to the Altay Carts, you can perform many more experiments as well as interesting demonstrations.

Multiuse System used with the Mechanics Upgrade 1 and a datalogger with two motion detectors.

Main components.



Altay Cart passing under the Photogate.

Laws and principles investigated

- Conservation of momentum and energy
- Coupled harmonic oscillators
- Determination of acceleration and velocity
- Elastic and inelastic collisions
- Impulse-momentum theorem
- Law of Inertia
- Kinetic and potential energy
- Acceleration
- Newton's 1st Law of Motion
- Newton's 2nd Law of Motion
- Newton's 3rd Law of Motion
- Qualitative and quantitative rolling friction
- Rectilinear uniform motion
- Uniform accelerated rectilinear motion

Components

• Altay Cart without Plunger		4941.12
• Altay Cart with Plunger		4941.13
• Track Terminal	(2x)	4941.18
• Plumb Line on Scale		4114.86
• Polyester Inelastic Cord		4113.20
• Slotted Masses with Hanger 250 g		4111.74
• Bubble Level		4180.70
• Metal Mask Adapter		4941.10-001
• Additional Weight for Cart - Same Mass as Cart		4941.10-002
• Additional Weight for Cart - Double Mass of Cart		4941.10-003
• Low Friction Pulley with Screw		4112.55
• Ziggurrat Flag	(2x)	4941.10-005
• Spring Holder for Cart	(2x)	4941.10-006
• Spring, length 65 mm, diam. 10 mm	(3x)	DST029
• Spring, length 20 mm, diam. 20 mm		DST030
• Support for Photogates	(2x)	4941.10-007

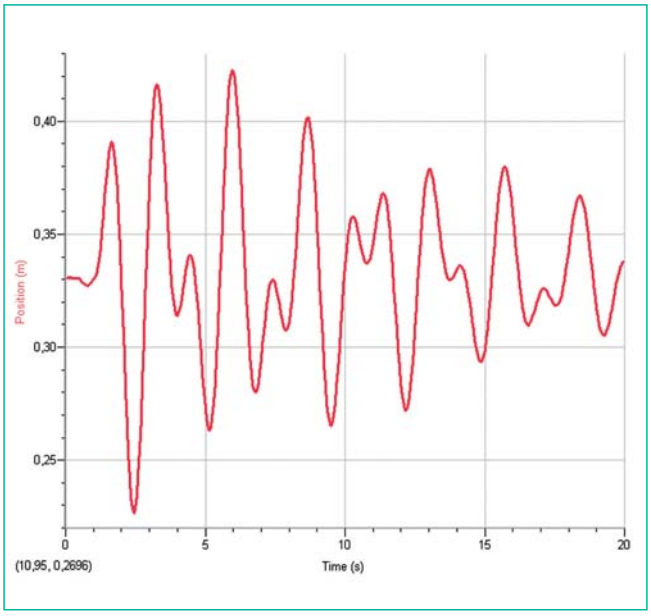
Experiment

Two coupled harmonic oscillators

With two carts and three springs it is possible to produce coupled harmonic oscillators

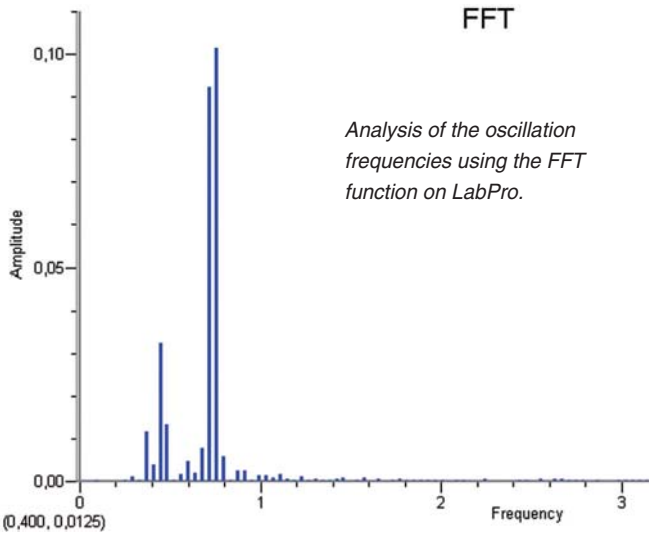
The motion of Dynamics Carts in this system is quite complicated.
The motion of the system as a whole, can be split up in two components: the motion of the centre of mass and the relative motion of the carts (called the normal modes of oscillation).

Coupled harmonic oscillators experiment setup.



Position vs. time for a cart in this configuration.

By using a datalogger and a motion detector you can graph the movement of one cart. You can then quickly determine the normal modes of the system.



Analysis of the oscillation frequencies using the FFT function on LabPro.

We can see two coupled harmonic oscillators (neglecting effects of friction).

Experiment

Elastic and Inelastic Collisions • **Discover the differences between elastic and inelastic collision**

An elastic collision is a “bounce” of two objects, where the kinetic energy is the same before and after the collision; with Mechanics Upgrade 1 everyone can discover elastic collisions with a minimum loss of accuracy, thanks to the pair of powerful magnet embedded in the Altay Carts and due to their low friction wheels.

Elastic collision with Altay Carts.

Instead, in an inelastic collisions between two masses, the kinetic energy is not conserved, following the equation

$$m_1 \cdot v_1 + m_2 \cdot v_2 = (m_1 + m_2) \cdot v_f$$

To perform this experiment, Altay Carts are provided with Velcro strips, to stick together in the collision.

Mechanics Upgrade 2

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With our Mechanics Upgrade 2 you can use the Altay Track in a vertical plane to study free fall and motion of the pendulum

Students acquiring data from Multiuse System in free fall configuration.

Also available with Remote Control (code 4941.21-RC)

Equipment needed

Track Set (code 4954.12)
Timing Set (code 4922.10)
Electronic Oscillation Counter (code 2237.12)

The study of free fall and the pendulum is one of the most fundamental studies in mechanics.
A free-falling object is an object which is falling under the influence of gravity. That is to say that any object which is moving and being acted upon only be the force of gravity is said to be "in a state of free fall".
Determining and measuring free fall is made easy with our Mechanics Upgrade 2. You simply mount the Track in the vertical position and gather your data.
The acceleration of gravity is studied by measuring the time necessary for a falling body to travel a fixed distance on the graduated scale.
With this upgrade you can also verify the Pendulum Law.
Using the Altay Oscillations Counter and Electronic Timer the period of the pendulum can be easily and accurately measured.

Free fall accessories.

Components

• Bench Clamp for vertical mount support		5402.05
• Support for Vertical Mount		4941.20-001
• Track Supports for Magnetics attachment	(2x)	4941.20-002
• Free Fall Electromagnet		4941.20-003
• RCA Cable for electromagnet		2526.30
• Basket for Falling Spheres		DAB134
• Stainless Steel Sphere, 19 mm		4230.85
• Stainless Steel Sphere, 25 mm		4230.87
• Polyester inelastic cord		4113.20
• Three Spheres with Hook set		4137.00
• Magnetic Support for Pendulum Cord		4941.20-005
• Plasticine®		4941.20-006

Pendulum accessories.

Laws and principles investigated

• Determination of the acceleration of gravity • Drag force
• Free fall motion • Law of the Pendulum

Experiment

Free fall motion

Explore free fall motion with Altay Mechanics Upgrade 2

Free fall experiment ready to go.

When the Altay Track is placed vertically you simply mount the photogate and connect it to the timer.
By placing the photogate at a chosen distance from the electromagnet, you can quickly measure the speed at which the body falls through the photogate and verify that the body is in free fall.
Whether the object is falling downward or rising upward towards its peak, if it is under the sole influence of gravity, its acceleration value is 9.8 m/s^2. This value is usually referred to as 'g'.

$$v_y = gt$$

Free fall motion equations.

$$y = \frac{1}{2} gt^2$$

From this law you can experimentally determine the acceleration due to gravity 'g'.
We can simply solve the formula to determine 'g' as a function of time (t).

Experiment

The Pendulum

To investigate the relationship between period, length and the effect of gravity of a pendulum

To set up a simple gravity pendulum you can place the support for pendulum at the zero position on the scale and suspend a mass from this point a chosen length. Giving it an initial push, the sphere will swing back and forth under the influence of gravity over its central (lowest) point.
Measuring the period of oscillation through the oscillation counter; knowing the length of the pendulum, it is easy to calculate the acceleration of gravity using the Pendulum Law.

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

Pendulum Law.

The pendulum experiment setup.

Coupled Pendulum Set

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Studying the coupled oscillators effect

Coupled pendulums at work.

Prerequisites

Mechanics Upgrade 1 (code 4941.14)

Simple to set up and highly effective, the coupled pendulums transfer energy one to the other thanks to a thin string that couples them. This system allows teachers to introduce the normal modes of oscillation. The resultant motion corresponds to the composition of two oscillations: the centre of mass motion and the relative motion of the pendulums.

Components

- Threatened rod (2x) 5408.31
- Sphere with Hook (2x) 4941.16-001
- Polyester inelastic Cord 4113.20

Coupled oscillators components.

Laws and principles investigated

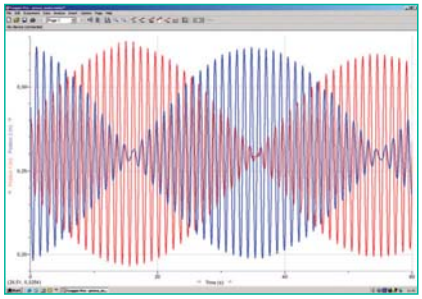
• Pendulums • Energy transfer • Harmonic motion • Couplement • Resonance

Experiment

Normal modes

Introduce the normal modes in the simplest way, the coupled pendulum motion

The normal modes of oscillations is a milestone concept in physics. The behaviour of the system can be deduced from the data plot.At first sight, students can notice that the motion of pendulum one (red plot) is symmetric to the motion of pendulum two (blue plot). After, we should see that the maximum amplitude of the first one corresponds to the second staying still and vice-versa.
From our plot (*e.g.* the red one) we immediately note the presence of two frequencies superimposed which are related to the normal modes of oscillation.



Data from the coupled motion of pendulums.

Eddy Current Set

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Studying the Foucault Currents

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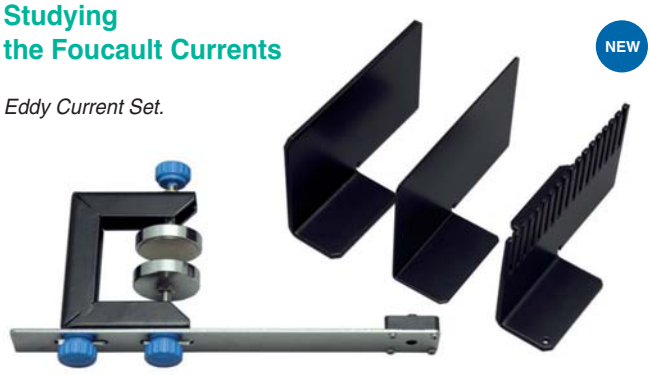


Eddy Current Set.

Equipment Needed

Track Set (code 4954.12) – Mechanics Upgrade 1 (code 4941.14) or Altay Cart with Plunger (code 4941.13)

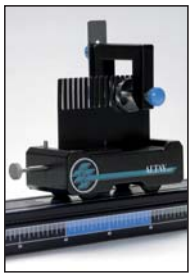
The Altay Eddy Current Set is the simplest and more effective way to study Eddy Currents and all the principles concerning them.

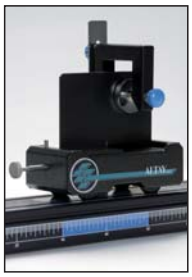
An eddy current is reproduced by using a "C" shaped magnet affixed to the track and then pass once of the kits screens through it.

Components

- Aluminium flag with slits 4941.51-001
- Aluminium flag without slits (1 mm) 4941.51-002
- Aluminium flag without slits (3 mm) 4941.51-003
- Magnetic poles "C" shaped 4941.51-004
- Metallic flag for motion sensor 4941.51-005
- Support for Magnet W116A1

Eddy current (also known as Foucault current) is a phenomenon caused by a moving magnetic field intersecting a conductor or vice-versa. The relative motion causes a circulating flow of electrons, or currents, within the conductor. With this kit, students can easily study "electromagnetic brakes" (also called eddy current brakes), to retard motion or cause deceleration in a moving system.
This type of brake converts kinetic energy to heat without contact between the moving parts.
Heat is generated in the screen as a direct result of the electrical resistance of the material and the current flow induced in it; this heat represents the kinetic energy being absorbed, and it's analogous to heat generation in a friction brake.





Observe the different behaviour of the slitted and the solid flag.

Optics Upgrade 1

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The Optics Upgrade 1 is designed to convert the Altay Track into an optical bench

Equipment needed

Altay Track Set (code 4954.12)
Transformer 12 V (code 2403.14)

The Optics Upgrade 1 allows students to configure the Altay Track as an optical bench.

The Optical Bench using Altay Track.

You will have all you need to study geometric optics, photometry, focal length of lenses, mirrors and much more.

Components

• Set of 4 Biconvex Spherical Lenses		4445.00
• Set of 4 Biconcave Spherical lenses		4441.00
• Set of 4 Concave Spherical Mirrors		4431.00
• Set of 4 Convex Spherical Mirrors		4435.00
• Equilateral glass prism		4450.10
• Set of seven diaphragms		4414.12
• White metal screen		4418.35
• Holder for slides and diaphragms		4414.03
• Projector with 12V 20W halogen lamp		4414.18
• Halogen lamp 12V 20W		4414.19
• Prism table		4418.29
• Holder for lenses and mirrors	(4x)	4414.02
• Slider for Holders	(4x)	4417.01
• Slider for Projectors		4417.17

Laws and principles investigated

- Convergent and divergent lenses • Concave and convex mirrors
- Focal length • Gauss approximation
- The eye (hyperopic and myopic eye) • Inverse square law for light
- Lens power • Luminous intensity
- Magnifier and magnifying power
- Photometry • The prism
- System of lenses
- The compound microscope
- The telescope
- Thin lens equation

Mirror holders.

Lenses and mirrors.

Detail of the holder.

Projector and optical bench accessories.

Experiment

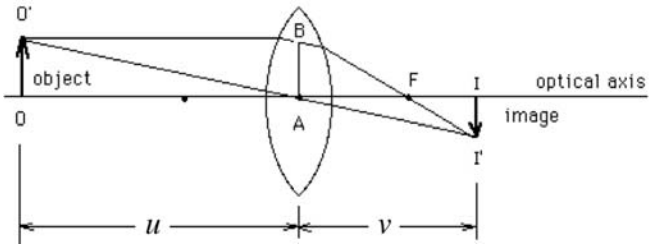
Focal length of a lens

An experiment illustrating how to determine the focal length of a converging lens

The mirror equation expresses the relationship between the object distance (u), the image distance (v) and the focal length (f).
The equation is stated as follows and is known as the Gauss approximation.

$$\frac{1}{u}+\frac{1}{v}=\frac{1}{f}$$

Thin lens equation, where **u** *is the object distance,* **v** *is the image distance and* **f** *is the focal length.*



Light propagation through a converging lens.

Thanks to this simple law, involving only three variables, it is easy to calculate f. The Altay Optics Bench makes it easy to set up an experiment to determine a value for f.

Optical bench setup for converging lens experiment.

The example below shows an experimental setup to determine focal length of a lens.
Once the image is clearly focussed on the screen the measurement you can easily measure the distance of the object from the lens and the distance of the screen to the lens using of the graduations on the bench.

Focal length experiment detail.

Further examples of experiments

A quick look at further experiments of the Optics Upgrade 1

Detail of the equilateral prism mounted on the optical bench.

Convergent mirror.

Optics Upgrade 2

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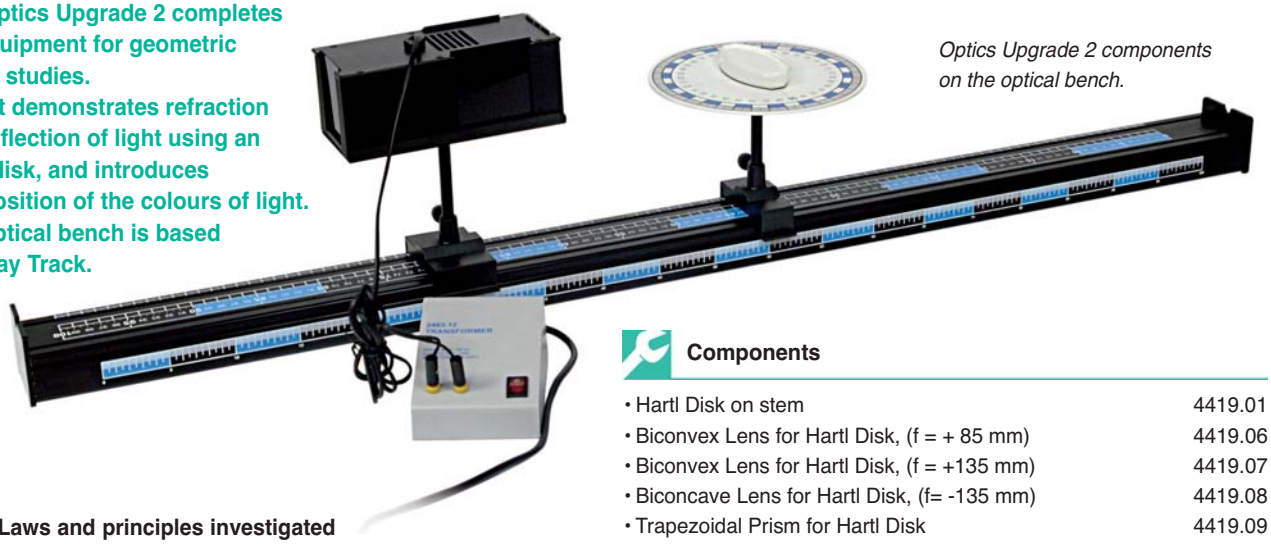
The advanced upgrade on geometric optics

**The Optics Upgrade 2 completes the equipment for geometric optics studies.
The kit demonstrates refraction and reflection of light using an Hartl disk, and introduces composition of the colours of light.
The optical bench is based on Altay Track.**



Optics Upgrade 2 components on the optical bench.

Equipment needed

Altay Track Set (code 4954.12)
Transformer 12 V (code 2403.14)

Laws and principles investigated

• Principles of biconcave, biconvex lenses and mirrors • Mixing of colours
• Fermat's principle • Determination of the focal length of a lens
• Hartl apparatus • Inverse square law of light • Light reflection and refraction

Raybox, coloured filters, slits, two side parts with mirror and filter holders.

Components

• Hartl Disk on stem	4419.01
• Biconvex Lens for Hartl Disk, (f = + 85 mm)	4419.06
• Biconvex Lens for Hartl Disk, (f = +135 mm)	4419.07
• Biconcave Lens for Hartl Disk, (f= -135 mm)	4419.08
• Trapezoidal Prism for Hartl Disk	4419.09
• Triangular Prism for Hartl Disk, (90°, 45°, 45°)	4419.10
• Deformable Mirror for Hartl Disk	4419.11
• Plane Mirror for Hartl Disk	4419.12
• Refraction Index Vessel for Hartl Disk	4419.13
• Ray optics and colour mixing box	4402.30
• Halogen lamp	4414.19
• Base support for ray optics box	4402.35
• Slider for Holders	4417.01
• Slider for Projectors	4417.17

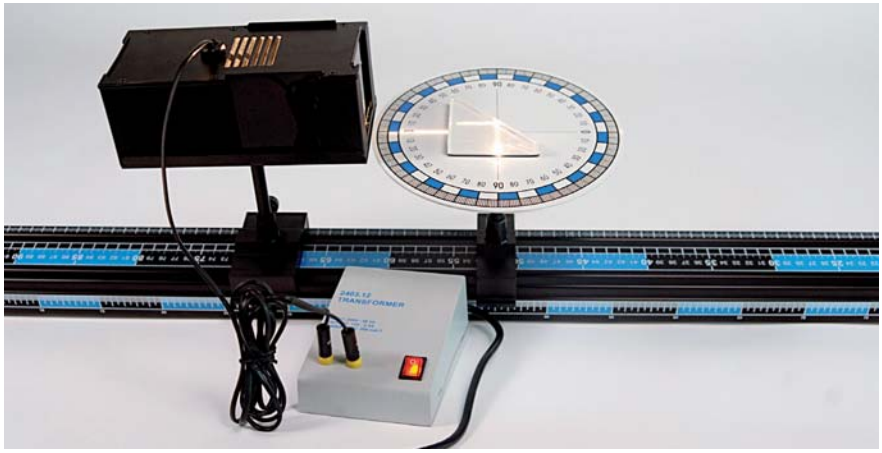
Lenses set with flexible mirror and Hartl disk.

Experiment

Hartl Disk

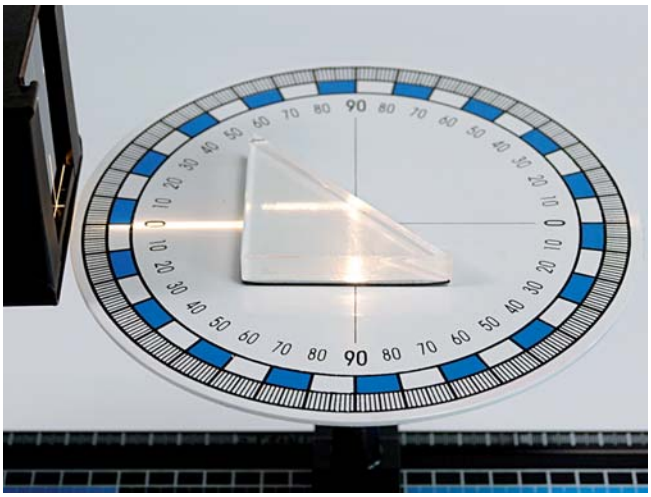
How to use the Hartl disk for geometric optics studies

The Hartl disk is designed to demonstrate many optical principles such as reflection, refraction, critical angle, principle rays, dispersion and how a rainbow is made.
The light coming from the raybox provides a bright point source and is parallel to the disc. The raybox is for stand alone use or with the optical bench. When mounted on the linear bench, it provides an accurate and stable experimental setup.

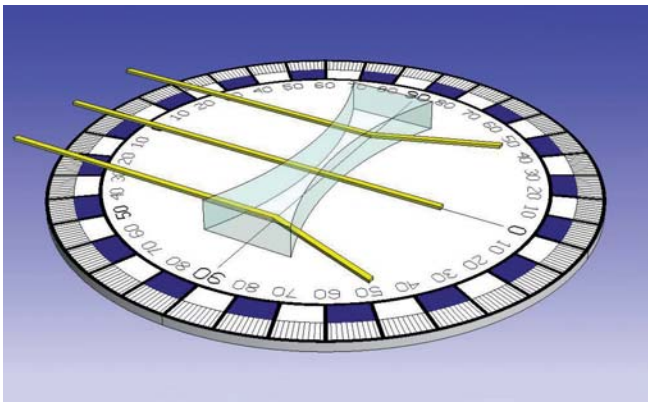


A triangular prism showing total reflection.

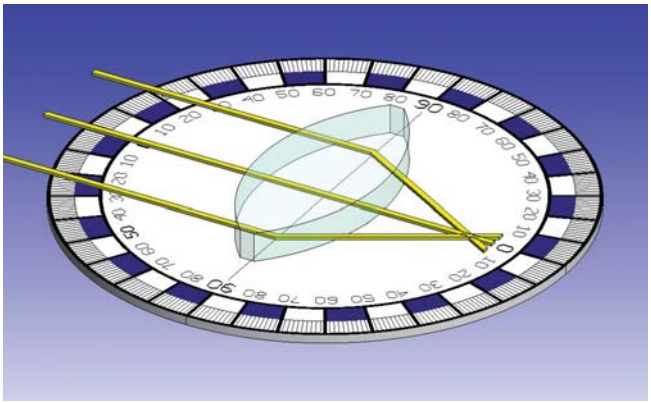
The protractor scale allows students to measure the reflection and refraction angles.



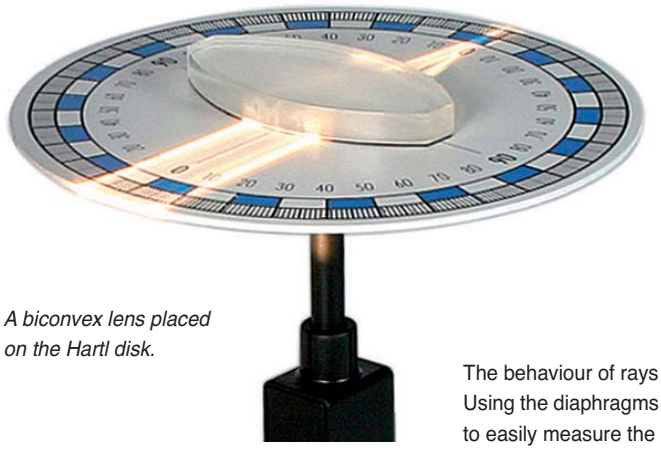
Path of light from raybox.



Path of a ray of light through a biconcave lens.



Path of light through a biconvex lens on the Hartl disk.



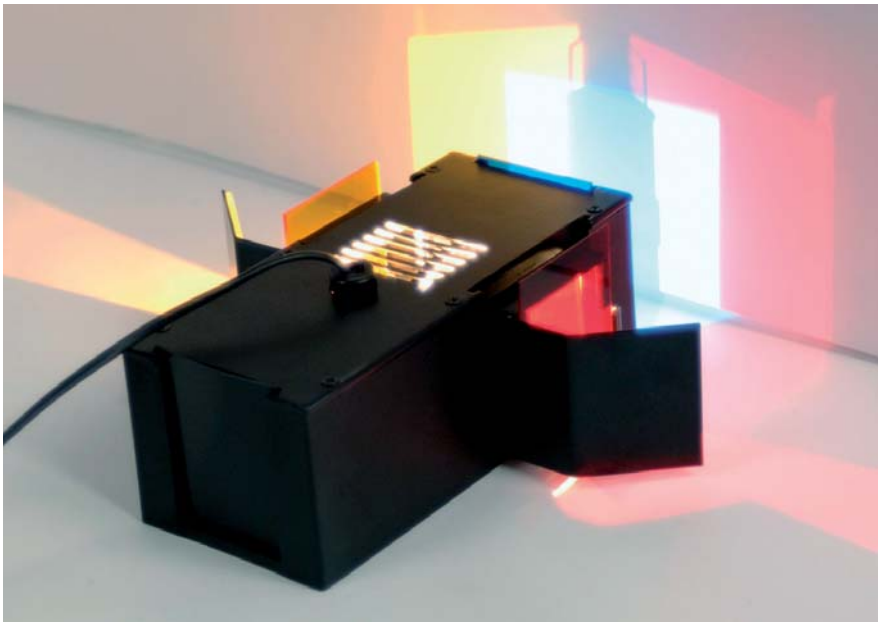
A biconvex lens placed on the Hartl disk.

The Optics Upgrade 2 supplies various lenses of different shapes. Every lens shows a different behaviour of light rays.

The behaviour of rays of light passing through the various lenses can be seen readily. Using the diaphragms set in front of the raybox, it is possible to obtain multiple rays of light in order to easily measure the refraction effects on the Hartl disk.

Experiment

Colour mixing · **How to use the raybox for experiments with coloured filters**



White light is composed by the mixture of the three primary colours: red, green and blue. Mixing colours of light, usually red – green – blue, is done using the additive colour system (also referred to as the “RGB Model” or “RGB colour space”).

Different combinations of colours produced by red, green and blue.

The addition of the primary colours of light can be demonstrated in class using the Altay raybox. The raybox illuminates a screen (shown above) with the primary colours red (R), green (G) and blue (B).
The result of adding two primary colours of light is easily seen by viewing the overlap on a screen.

Raybox with mirrors for colour composition.

Optics Upgrade 3

4944.30

Diffraction using a laser

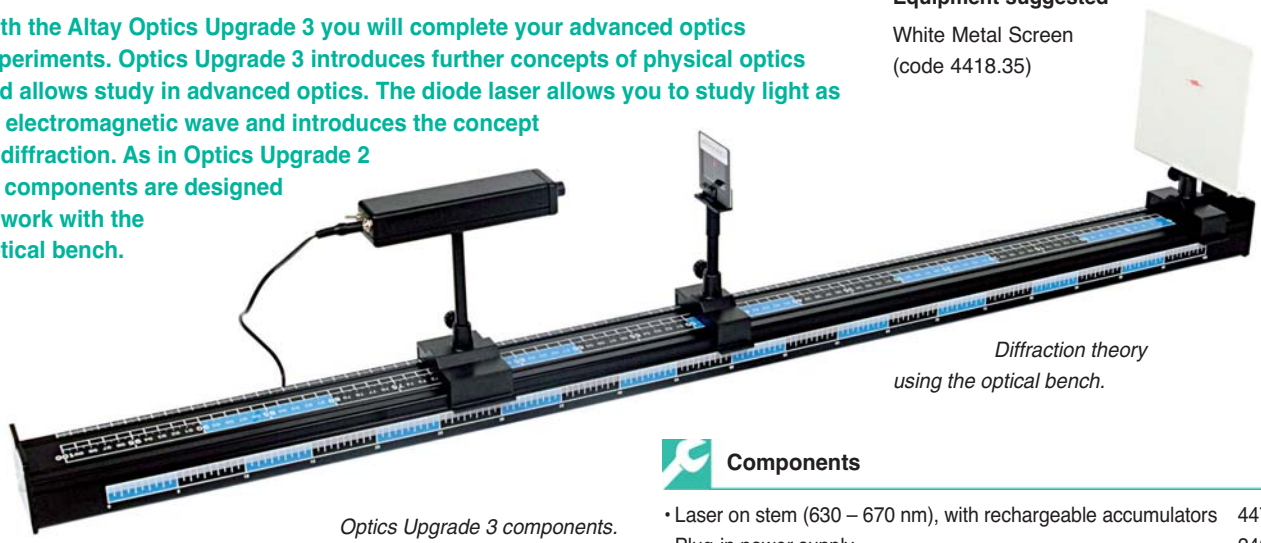
With the Altay Optics Upgrade 3 you will complete your advanced optics experiments. Optics Upgrade 3 introduces further concepts of physical optics and allows study in advanced optics. The diode laser allows you to study light as an electromagnetic wave and introduces the concept of diffraction. As in Optics Upgrade 2 all components are designed to work with the optical bench.

Equipment needed

Optics Upgrade 1 (code 4944.11)
Track Set (code 4954.12)

Equipment suggested

White Metal Screen
(code 4418.35)



Diffraction theory using the optical bench.

Optics Upgrade 3 components.

Components

• Laser on stem (630 – 670 nm), with rechargeable accumulators	4478.01
• Plug-in power supply	2402.52
• Holder for slides and diaphragms	4414.03
• Slider for Holder	4417.01
• Slider for projector	4417.17
• Slide with 1 slit (width 0.06 mm)	4485.29
• Slide with 2 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm, pitch 0.26 mm)	4485.30
• Slide with 3 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm, pitch 0.26 mm)	4485.31
• Slide with 4 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm, pitch 0.26 mm)	4485.32
• Slide with 5 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm, pitch 0.26 mm)	4485.33
• Slide with 6 slit (width 0.06 mm, separation 0.20 mm, pitch 0.26 mm)	4485.34
• Coarse grating 1 (4 lines per mm, line/space ratio 3:1)	4485.25
• Coarse grating 2 (4 lines per mm, line/space ratio 6:1)	4485.26
• Coarse grating 3 (8 lines per mm, line/space ratio 3:1)	4485.27
• Metal gauze 300 mesh for bidimensional diffraction grating	4485.23
• Diffraction grating	4455.20

Laws and principles investigated

• The Laser - principles of operation • Investigating diffraction
• Experiments with interference patterns

Experiment

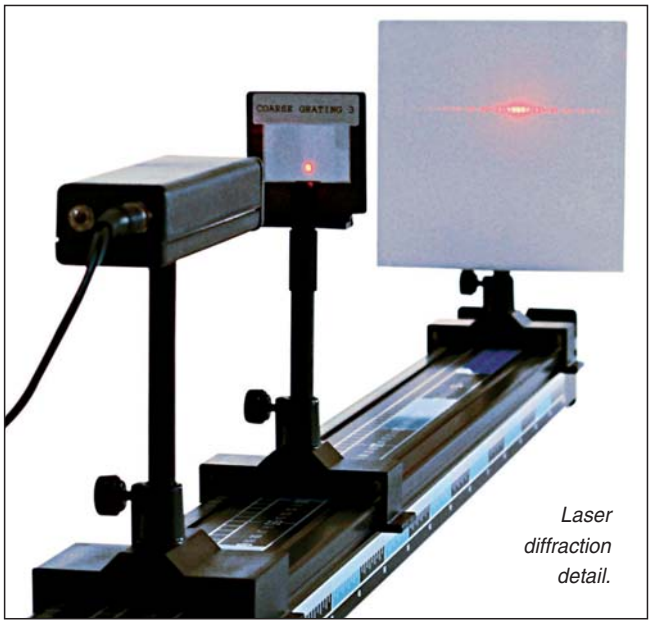
Light diffraction

Study the laser behaviour in a diffraction grating

A diffraction grating is a set of parallel slits used to disperse light.
It is ruled with closely-spaced, fine, parallel grooves, typically several thousand per cm. It produces interference patterns in a way that separates all components of the incoming light.

Optical bench helps measuring distances.

The Optics Upgrade 3 contains all that you need to study diffraction principles from single and multiple slits.
With the help of the optical bench it is easy to verify optics laws measuring the distances between the diffraction grating and the screen.



Laser diffraction detail.

Timing Set

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The Timing Set is an accessory pack for time measurements in dynamics experiments and can be an alternative to data logging

Timing Set components.

The Timing Set is a complete solution for measuring time in dynamics experiments such as cart collisions and free fall. The system can be used with our Mechanics Upgrades 1 and 2. It can also be used in conjunction with the Altay Oscillation Counter. These accessories can be used as an alternative to a data logger and a motion sensor.

Components

• Electronic Timer		2232.50
• Photogate	(2x)	2232.52
• Power Supply 12 V DC 220 AC		2402.56

Ball Launcher for Cart

4941.60

Ball Launcher for Cart can be used with Mechanics Upgrade 1 or with Altay Cart with Plunger

Ball Launcher for Cart.

Ball Launcher on Altay Cart.

Equipment needed

Altay Track Set (code 4954.12)
Mechanics Upgrade 1 (code 4941.14)
or Altay Cart with Plunger (code 4941.13)

An ideal accessory for the Mechanics Upgrade 1 to demonstrate the independence of vertical and linear motion.

Components

• Ball launcher	W142A1
• PVC ball	(2x) DPV038
• Trigger flag with knob	4941.60-001
• Magnetic anchor with hook	4941.60-002

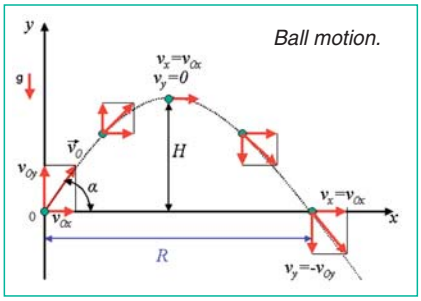
Laws and principles investigated

- Projectile motion equation
- Resolution of component motions
- Determination of gravity acceleration

Experiment

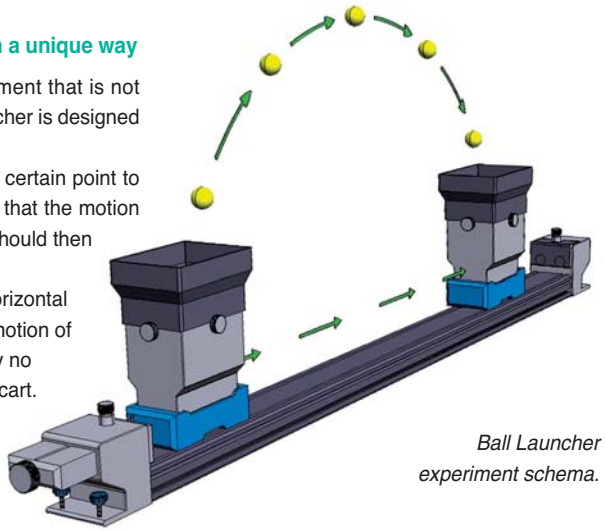
Composition of motion

Study the rectilinear uniform motion of the cart with the projectile motion in a unique way



Ball motion.

Perform an interesting experiment that is not always intuitive. The Ball Launcher is designed to fit onto our low friction carts.
The Launcher is triggered at a certain point to release the ball and assuming that the motion is a constant velocity the ball should then land back on the Launcher.
This shows that vertical and horizontal motion are independent. The motion of the ball is a parabolic trajectory no matter how hard you push the cart.
The ball has the same constant velocity of the cart on the x axis and is subjected to gravity acceleration in the vertical direction.
At the end of the horizontal motion (x) the projectile falls again into the launcher because the vertical motion (y) remains the same.



Ball Launcher experiment schema.

Altay Cart without Plunger

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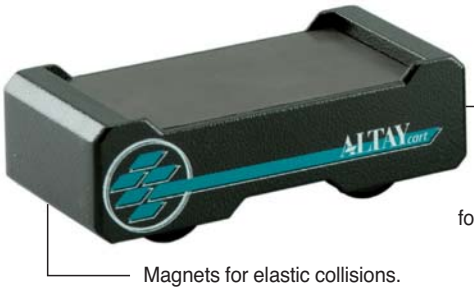
Elastic and inelastic collisions with our new cart



Altay Cart without Plunger.

Velcro™ for inelastic collisions.

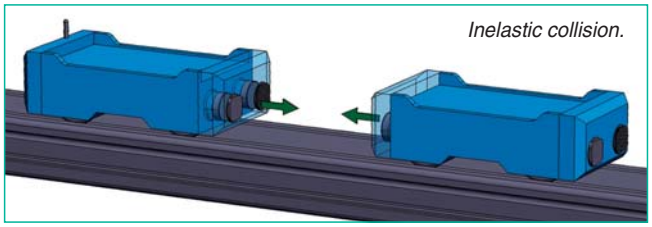
Magnets for elastic collisions.

One side of the cart is fitted with Velcro™ strips, which are ideal for inelastic collisions, and on the other side, a pair of powerful neodymium magnets, which are ideal for elastic collisions.
The cart is also designed to easily accommodate extra masses as well as mounting for data logging sensors.

Specifications

Size: 14 x 7 x 4 cm – Weight: approx. 450 g

Ideal for all dynamics experiments, the all new Altay Cart is an ideal companion for the Plunger Cart.
Designed to be robust yet almost friction free, we have designed our cart so that it will withstand the rigours of any school laboratory. Manufactured from solid aluminium, we have used a special low friction wheel system.
This system gives almost friction free movement and results which are accurate and repeatable time and time again.



Inelastic collision.

Altay Cart with Plunger

4941.13

Explosions and collisions with our new cart

Altay Cart with Plunger.

Magnets and Velcro™ for elastic and inelastic collisions.

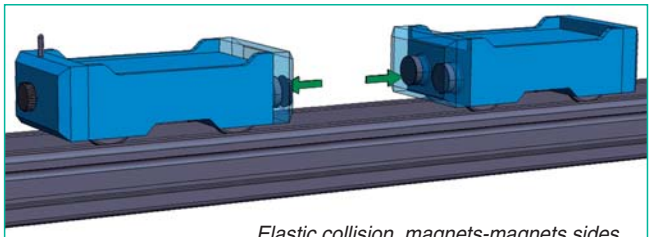
Plunger.

The cart includes a spring loaded plunger mechanism that can be released to provide an immediate impulse to set another cart in motion and to provide an initial impulse velocity.
The plunger has two settings to allow a lesser or greater impulse depending on the mass of the adjacent cart. The other side of the cart contains two strips of Velcro™ and a pair of powerful neodymium magnets, which are designed for alternate elastic and inelastic collisions.

Specifications

Size: 14 x 7 x 4 cm – Weight: approx. 450 g

The Altay Plunger Cart has been designed specifically for accurate and repeatable experiments results in kinematics.
Manufactured from solid aluminium, the sturdy design prevents any accidental damage in the classroom.
The Altay Plunger Cart has been designed specifically with ruggedness and experimental accuracy in mind.
The cart's wheels are mounted on almost frictionless bearings to give a smooth and effortless motion on the dynamics track.



Elastic collision, magnets-magnets sides.

EM Trigger & Launcher for Cart

4941.17

An automatic trigger/launcher for dynamics experiments

EM Trigger & Launcher for Cart.

Specifications

Available from September 2008

Specially designed to fit on Altay Track Set (code 4954.12)

Equipment needed

Altay Track Set (code 4954.12) – Mechanics Upgrade 1 (code 4941.14)
Timing Set (code 4922.10)

The new Altay EM Trigger & Launcher for Cart is an ideal complement to the Mechanics Upgrade 1. It allows a repeatability impossible to achieve by hand or any other method. The EM Trigger & Launcher for Cart can be used in dynamics experiments to investigate acceleration as a function of the impressed force and as a trigger for studying the motion on an inclined plane.
Our specially designed, easy release mechanism, can give an impulse to the cart in an almost frictionless way, thus allowing repeatable and accurate results each time. Ideal for use with our Timing Set (code 4922.10).

Force Table

4114.11

Discover the addition of forces in an easy way

NEW

Force Table.

Experiment

The Rule of the Parallelogram

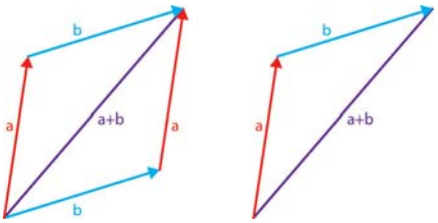
Consider two vectors **a** and **b**, with e_1, e_2 and e_3 orthogonal unit vectors:

$$a = a_1e_1 + a_2e_2 + a_3e_3$$
$$b = b_1e_1 + b_2e_2 + b_3e_3$$

The sum of **a** and **b** is:

$$a + b = (a_1 + b_1)e_1 + (a_2 + b_2)e_2 + (a_3 + b_3)e_3$$

This result can be graphically represented using arrows, placing the end of the **b** arrow on the tip of the **a** arrow. Drawing another arrow from the end of the **a** to the tip of the **b**, we obtain the sum **a+b** of the two vectors.



Graphical representation of the sum of vectors.

This is usually called “rule of the parallelogram” for the shape of the graph.
With the Force Table we can vary the angle between different forces, to observe how the resultant changes.

Specifications

Height: approx. 40 cm

Equipment suggested

Dual Range Force Sensor (code 2311.10)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30)
or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The Altay Force Table is ideal for teaching composition and addition of vectors and provides an ideal platform for determination and addition of forces.
Also known as a Varignon Table, our quality Force Table comes complete with a set of weights and self clamping low friction pulleys to allow accurate measurement of resultant vectors sums and associated angle measurements.
The Altay Force Table is easy to set up; simple attach weights (forces) to the mass holder and attach to central ring, which then hangs over the edge of the table through the pulleys. By varying the magnitude the forces and moving the pulleys to adjust the angles, you can easily measure the resolving angles using the printed protractor on top of table
A bubble level bob is also supplied for increased accuracy.

Components

• Force Table Stand		4114.11-001
• Low Friction Pulley for Force Table	(3x)	4114.11-002
• Dual Range Force Sensor Adapter		4114.11-003
• Slotted Masses 250g	(3x)	4111.74
• Polyester String		4113.20
• Rings set		4114.11-004

Laws and principles investigated

• Balancing force • Concept of force • Direction of a force
• Equilibrium of a material point • Intensity of different forces
• Measure the intensity of a force • Rule of the parallelogram

Example of set-up experiment.

Use the Force Table with the Dual Range Force Sensor.

Demonstration Balance Model

4114.18

Designed to demonstrate levers, static forces and the analytic balance

Altay's Demonstration Balance Model.

Specifications

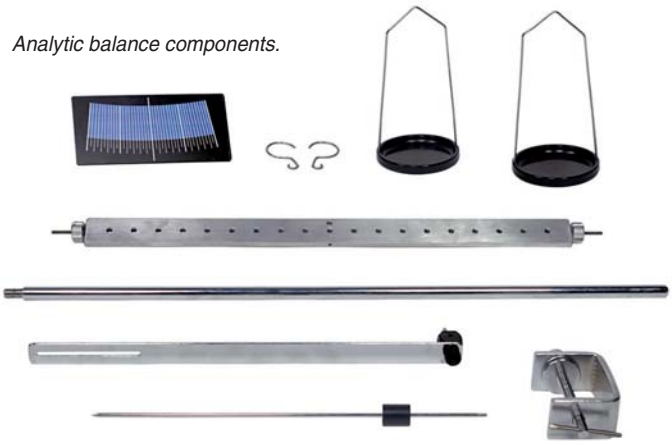
Height: 50 cm – Arm length: 45 cm – With bench clamp for table mount

We developed this as more than just a balance.
It is easy to mount thanks to the bench clamp.
With the graduated scale you can demonstrate the effects of different static forces and equilibrium.
Predict what the result might be and see if you are correct!

Laws and principles investigated

• Calibration of a balance • Using the Analytical Balance
• Mass determination by comparison • Moment of a force • Levers

Analytic balance components.



Experiment

Static equilibrium • **How to balance different weights at different arms lengths**

Altay's Analytic Balance Model in static equilibrium.

Easy to use and set up, the balance introduces the principles of static friction. Set up the system including scale pans and hooks, then tare (or "zero") the apparatus with masses.
When the needle matches the zero-offset rod, you are ready to start.

Place some weights on one pan and let students guess or calculate how many weights should be placed on the other pan in order take back the balance to equilibrium.

Tare the balance.

Magnetic Board

4114.30

A versatile solution to demonstrate mechanics, optics, electricity, electronics and radioactivity using a unique magnetic display board

NEW

Altay's Magnetic Board.

Magnetic Board power supply.

Components

• Magnetic Board	W146A1
• External Power Supply 220 AC, 50 Hz	2402.56

Specifications

Size: 95 x 81 x 41 cm – Approx weight: 12 kg
Embedded power supply:
output 3,3 V – 5 V – 12 V DC, 1A

Compatible equipment

Mechanics Accessories Set (code 4114.35)
Falling Bodies Upgrade (code 4114.36)
Optics Accessories Set (code 4114.37)
Electricity System 1 (code 4866.10)
Electronics System 1 (code 4868.10)
Radioactivity Bench (code 4832.00)

The Altay Magnetic Display Board provides an excellent sturdy support for class demonstration of a wide variety of experiments in mechanics, optics, electricity, electronics and radioactivity.
Consisting of a large white magnetic board, all components in the Upgrade kits are fitted with a strong magnet which allows easy attachment to theboard.
The board is printed with a graduated x-y axis to allow each experiment to be easily quantified and measured.
The board can be free standing or affixed to a wall with enclosed wall brackets.
An integrated power supply is also included to allow attachment to accessories, such as a laser for example.

Mechanics Accessories Set

4114.35

Discover static forces with the Magnetic Board

NEW

Using Magnetic Board with mechanics accessories.

Equipment needed

Magnetic Board (code 4114.30)

Together with the magnetic board, the Mechanics Accessories Set allows working demonstrations on: equilibrium, inclined plane, levers, pulley systems, simple machines and much more.

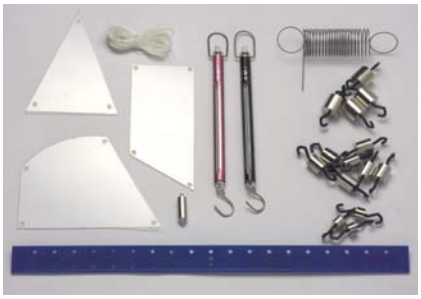
Components

• Cart for inclined plane		4114.83
• Inclined Plane, with Magnetic Pins		4114.60-06
• Centimetre Rule with Holes		4114.60-05
• Weinhold's Disk, with Magnetic Support		4114.60-08
• Tubular Spring Balance (Metal) Range 3N		4110.03
• Tubular Spring Balance (Metal) Range 6N		4110.05
• Pulley with Hook	(2x)	4112.10
• Triple-In-Line Pulley Block (block and tackle)	(2x)	4112.30
• Triple-In-Axis Pulley Block (block and tackle)	(2x)	4112.24
• Goniometric Circle, Magnetic		2216.15
• Protractor 0-60°, Magnetic		4114.60-14
• Rule 25 cm, Magnetic		2216.15
• Steel Spring with Pointer		4110.81
• Closing Cap for Magnetic Pins	(6x)	4114.60-03
• Hook for Cart		4114.80-11
• Cylindrical Mass 10 g	(3x)	4111.08
• Cylindrical Mass 25 g	(7x)	4111.10
• Cylindrical Mass 50 g	(4x)	4111.12
• Magnetic Pin (long)	(7x)	4114.60-02
• Magnetic Pin (short)		4114.60-16
• Pulley	(3x)	4114.60-07
• Ring	(3x)	4114.60-09
• "S" Shaped Hook	(5x)	4113.35
• Plumb-line Bob		4114.60-10
• Set of 3 Geometric Objects		4114.60-11
• Polyester cord 10 m		4113.20

Various pulleys, pins and closing caps.

Track, cart, Weinhold's disk, protractor, rule and goniometer.

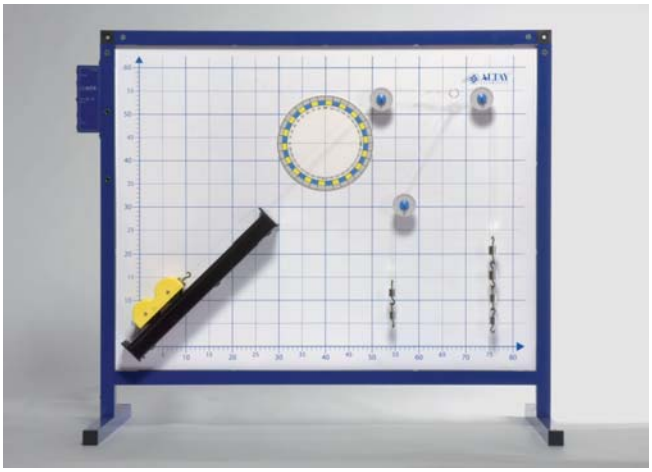
Triple-in-line pulley block experiment.



Rule with holes, masses, spring, dynamometers, geometric objects and cord.

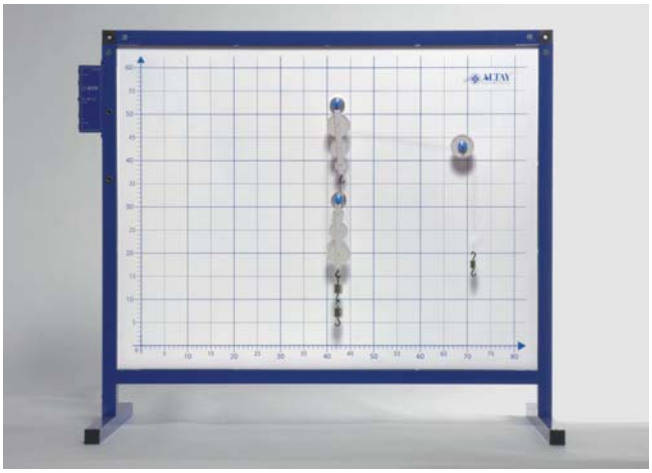
Laws and principles investigated

• Investigating balancing forces • Balance of a heavy body on an inclined plane
• Determine the centre of gravity of a rod • Build a block and tackle hoist
• Build a dynamometer, calibrate and use it to determine the torque and power
• Determining the centre of mass of a rod
• Understanding the concept of force, direction and intensity
• Measurement of the intensity of a force
• Equivalence between force couples of equal and different arm lengths
• Equilibrium of a material point • Forces applied to a rigid body with fixed axes
• Build a Galileo Pendulum
• Investigate the resultant force of a system of convergent forces
• Determine the resultant force of two convergent forces
• Determine the resultant forces of two convergent forces applied to a rigid body
• Investigate a rigid and a heavy body suspended from a point
• Investigating Parallelogram Law • Triple-in-axis pulley block
• Triple-in-line pulley block • Study two forces applied to a fixed pulley
• Study two parallel forces applied to a mobile pulley
• Investigation forces applied to a material point suspended over an inclined plane



Sample set up.

The Mechanics Accessories Set give teachers and students the freedom to set up experiments with their own fashion.
Thanks to the magnetic pins it's easy to place the inclined plane, pulleys, and all the other objects everywhere on the board and perform experiments in any configuration.



The set contains also multiple in-line and in-axis pulleys to study the mechanical advantage of a system of pulleys like the block and tackle as in the particular configuration of the triple-in-line pulley block.

Falling Bodies Upgrade

4114.36

A simple and affordable way to observe laws of motion and energy conservation

Equipment needed

Magnetic Board (code 4114.30)

With this accessory set the laws of motion and conservation became an easy subject.
By using the silk-screen scale on the board and a videocamera it's possible to compare theory and experiments.
This set can also be used to study elastic collisions.

NEW

Falling Bodies Upgrade for Magnetic Board.

Example of use.

Components

- Diving Board with Screw W145A1
- Stainless Steel Sphere diam. 25 mm 4230.87
- Stainless Steel Sphere diam. 19 mm 4230.85

Laws and principles investigated

- Conservation of energy in elastic collisions
- Momentum conservation in elastic collisions
- Laws of motion

Optics Accessories Set

4114.37

Show to the whole class interesting optics experiments

Optics Accessories Set.

Equipment needed

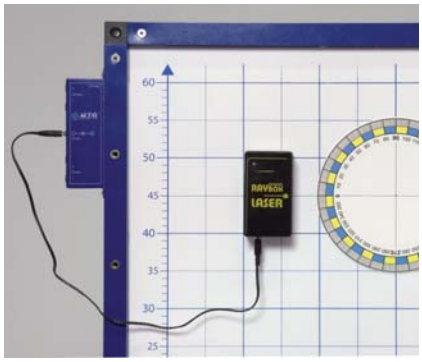
Magnetic Board (code 4114.30)

A five beam laser, a magnetic protractor and 5 optical bodies are the components of the optics accessories set.
With all this geometric optics is a child's play.

NEW

Components

- Five Beam Laser 4114.37-001
- Magnetic Protractor 2216.15
- Triangular Optical Body 4419.10
- Biconvex Optical Body (f= +85 mm) 4419.06
- Biconvex Optical Body (f= +135 mm) 4419.07
- Biconcave Optical Body (f= -135 mm) 4419.08
- Trapezoidal Optical Body 4419.09



Example of set up.

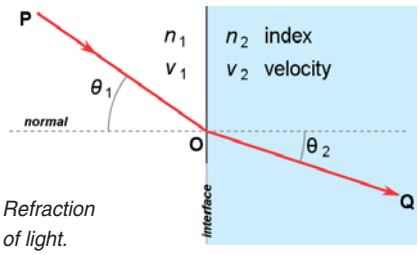
Laws and principles investigated

- Bi-concave and bi-convex lenses • Focal length • Refraction • Refraction index
- Total reflection • Snell's law

Experiment

Snell's Law

Snell's Law describes the relationship between the angles of incidence and refraction of light, when it passes through a two different media (in example, air and glass).
The law shows that the ratio of the sines of the angles of incidence and of refraction is a constant and that it depends on the media.



Refraction of light.

$$\frac{\sin\theta_1}{\sin\theta 2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1}$$

Snell's Law.

In optics, the law is used in ray tracing to compute the angles of incidence or refraction, and in experimental optics to find the refractive index of a material.

Inclined Plane

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The most famous simple machine, revisited by Altay

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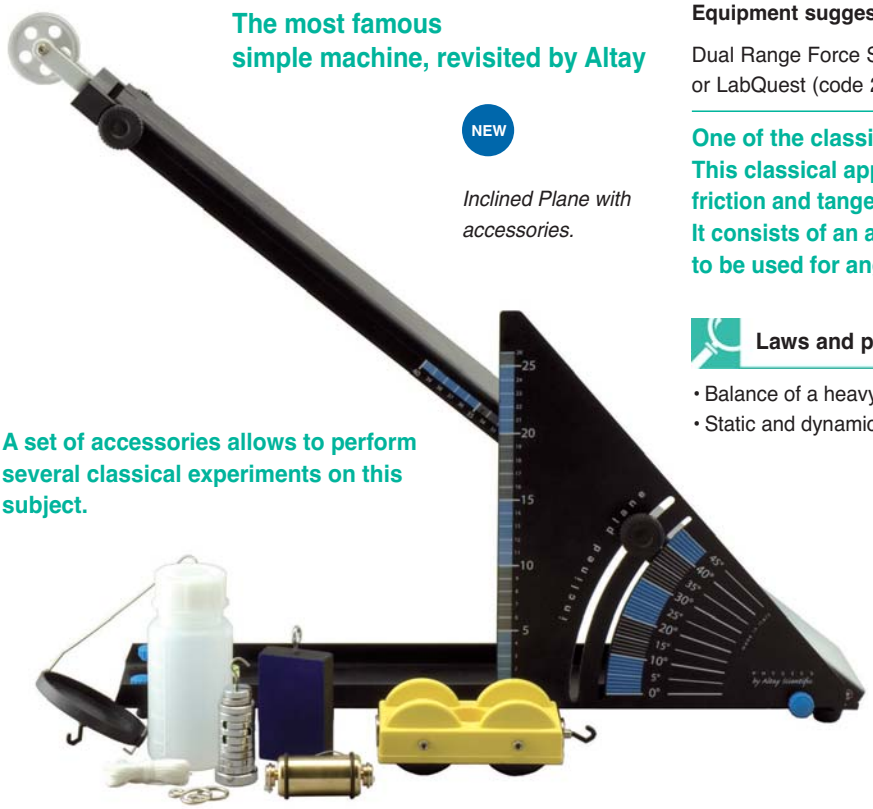


Inclined Plane with accessories.

A set of accessories allows to perform several classical experiments on this subject.

Components

• Inclined plane with pulleys, protractor and screws		4115.10-001
• Bottle for adding liquid weight		1616.05
• Balance pan with hook		4113.27
• Cylindrical mass		4115.10-002
• Polyester cord		4113.20
• “S” shaped hook	(2x)	4113.36
• Hook for cart		4114.80-011
• Cart		4114.83
• Masshanger for cart		4114.80-003
• Massholder with masses (total weight 250 g)		4111.74
• Bubble level		4180.70
• Friction box		4114.71

Students using the Inclined Plane.

Discover how friction changes depending on the surface smoothness.

Specifications

Height (fully open): approx. 40 cm – Max angle: 45°

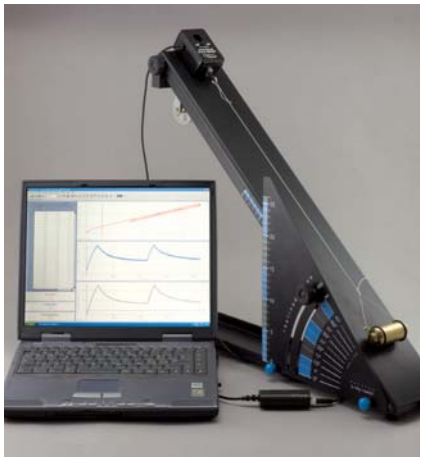
Equipment suggested

Dual Range Force Sensor (code 2311.10) – LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (2320.30)

One of the classical simple machines.
This classical apparatus is devoted to the study of static friction and tangential/normal components of the weight force. It consists of an aluminium folding track and a protractor scale to be used for angle measurements.

Laws and principles investigated

• Balance of a heavy body on an inclined plane • Weight force
• Static and dynamic friction



Use the Inclined Plane with the Dual Range Force Sensor and the PC.

Hooke's Law Apparatus

4163.10

The Hooke's Law experiment set allows students to investigate the relationship between the force applied to a spring and the amount of stretch on the spring

Hooke's Law Apparatus.

This rugged experiment features a heavy base to allow student to stretch springs without toppling the unit. We have printed an easy to read measuring scale on the side for easy reading.

Specifications

Size: 30 x 20 x 80 cm – Weight: approx. 2 kg

Components

• Hooke's Law Apparatus Stand		4163.10-001
• Cylindrical Mass with Hook (25 g)	(2x)	4111.10
• Cylindrical Mass with Hook (50 g)	(2x)	4111.12
• Spring (length 150 mm)		DST002
• Spring (length 75 mm)		DST003
• Spring (length 122 mm)		DST004
• Weight Holder		4163.10-002
• Sliding Support with Pivot	(2x)	4163.10-003

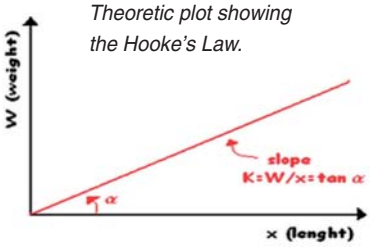
Laws and principles investigated

• Hooke's Law • Determination of the elastic constant of a spring • Hydrostatic balance

Experiment

Hooke's Law Experiment

The force applied to a spring is directly proportional to the distance it will stretch.
This behaviour is regulated by Hooke's Law, valid in a limited range of elongation of the spring. The same law allows for the estimation of the spring constant.



Theoretic plot showing the Hooke's Law.

$$F = -kx$$

Elastic constant formula.

Our Hooke's Law Apparatus contains a tightly wound spring designed for easy determination of the formula. Graph the force needed to slightly stretch the spring and from the slope of the graph "force vs. elongation" we can determine the spring's constant.

The elongation is proportional to the strain.

Different Bodies with Equal Mass

4230.97

Different Bodies with Equal Mass.

A set of cylinders to perform various experiments

NEW

Specifications

Diameter: 16 mm – Mass: 100 g

Set of five cylinders of equal diameter and mass but different height in iron, brass, lead, copper, and zinc for experiments on calorimetry and for density measurements.

Laws and principles investigated

• Density • Specific heat

Small Cubes with Equal Volume

4230.98

A simple way to study density

NEW

Small Cubes with Equal volume.

Specifications

Size: 20 x 20 x 20 mm

Set of seven cubes of equal side (20 mm) and different mass in iron, brass, lead, copper, tin, aluminium and zinc for experiments on density measurements.

Laws and principles investigated

- Density

Elastic and Inelastic Collision in 2D

4130.20

Discover energy and momentum conservation laws during collisions

Specifications

Track length: 28.5 cm

Using our simple apparatus you can demonstrate the conservation of momentum and conservation of energy by showing elastic and inelastic collision experiments.

Elastic and Inelastic Collision in 2D apparatus.

Components

• Aluminium ramp with attached set screw and nut set		4130.20-001
• Steel ball, 13 mm	(2x)	4130.20-002
• Glass ball, 13 mm		4130.20-003
• Wood ball, 25 mm drilled		4130.20-004
• Plumb line and bob		4130.20-005

Laws and principles investigated

- Conservation of energy in elastic collisions
- Conservation momentum in elastic collisions
- Conservation of momentum and loss of energy in inelastic and perfectly inelastic collisions

Elastic and Inelastic Collision in 2D apparatus components.

Experiment

Example of elastic collision

In order to investigate the elastic collision effect, choose two steel balls of equal mass; make one roll down the inclined ramp and collide with the second one at the rest on the support. The kinetic energy and momentum of the balls before collision can be easily determined as their masses and the height of the ramp are already known. What will happen to the balls after impact? What would happen if we changed the angle of impact? Use carbon and tracing papers to estimate the final velocity of the balls.

Just before collision of balls.

Inelastic Collision

Using the drilled wooden ball to perform perfectly inelastic collisions.

As you know, perfectly inelastic collisions do not conserve energy but only the total momentum of the system.
The drilled wooden ball placed at the end of the ramp with the hollow facing the track, will catch the rolling ball at the end of the fall. After the collision, they move on together as a one system.
Use carbon and tracing papers to empirically verify the conservation laws.

Linear Air Track System

4132.00

A frictionless system to explore kinematics

The most fundamental laws of physics states that a moving object will continue forever at a constant velocity unless it is acted on by an external force. With our near frictionless linear motion track, this incredible observation is made easy to understand.

The Linear Air Track System.

An air track glider provides for highly accurate investigations into the laws of motion. Students can investigate inelastic collisions, impulse and change in momentum, conservation of momentum, conservation of energy and more in our 2 m long track. Because the frictional forces are negligible the data derived will always be accurate.

Specifications

Linear Air Track length: 200 cm

Basic accessories: gliders, slides, photogates and bumpers.

Electronic Digital Timer.

Air blower and voltage regulator.

Components

• Air track - Assembly		4132.00-001
• Pendulum for Air Track		4132.00-002
• Needle with Support		4132.00-003
• Sewing needle	(20x)	4132.00-004
• Slider for Air Track (long)	(2x)	4132.00-005
• Long flag for Air Track	(2x)	4132.00-006
• Small Stirrup	(4x)	4132.00-007
• Large Stirrup	(2x)	4132.00-008
• Slider for Air Track (short)		4132.00-009
• ABS Bush	(2x)	4132.00-010
• Swan shaped hook		4132.00-011
• Clip with ring		4132.00-012
• Bumper for Air Track		4132.00-013
• Masses with support		4132.00-014
• Cord with rings	(2x)	4132.00-015
• Black cardboard 50 x 70 x 0,2 mm	(4x)	4132.00-016
• Black cardboard 70 x 100 x 0,2 mm	(2x)	4132.00-017
• Painted aluminium flag		4132.00-018
• White cardboard 150 x 100	(20x)	4132.00-019
• Red PVC rod		4132.00-020
• Sewing thread (reel)		4132.00-021
• PVC Sheet	(2x)	4132.00-022
• Aluminium threaded bush (M3)	(2x)	4132.00-023
• Magnet with rod	(2x)	4132.00-024
• Electromagnet		4132.00-025
• Electronic Digital Timer		2232.50
• Photogate (Altay Brand)	(2x)	2232.52
• Power Supply 12 V DC 220 V AC		2402.56
• Pulley for Inclined Plane		4112.05
• Air Blower		4132.50
• Voltage Regulator for Air Blower		4132.52
• Stainless Steel Sphere, diam. 12 mm	(2x)	4230.83
• Reel of Nylon Filament		4620.90
• Cylindrical Magnet	(2x)	4764.44
• Plasticine®	(2x)	4941.20-006

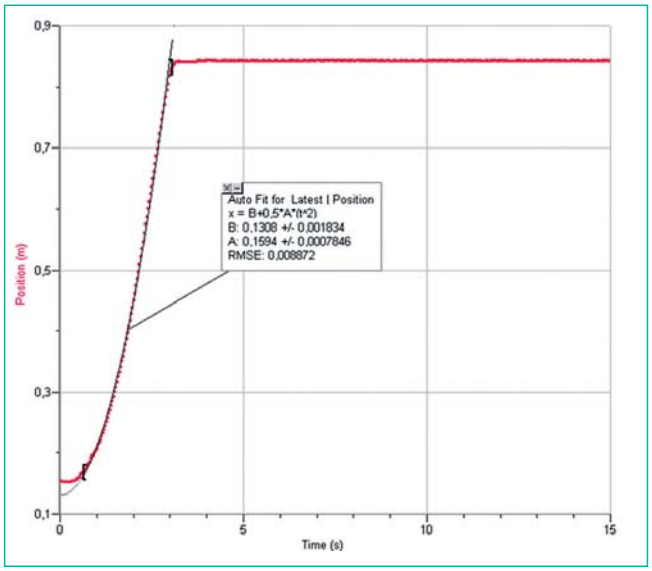
Various air track accessories to perform a wide range of dynamics experiments.

Laws and principles investigated

- Principles of the inertial mass systems • Conservation of momentum
- Conservation of momentum and energy • Investigating acceleration
- Determination of the velocity of the constant linear motion
- Effect of a force on the motion of an object • Elastic collisions
- Inelastic collisions • Experiments with kinetic and potential energy
- Mixed motions: medium range speed, instantaneous speed, parabolic time chart
- Investigating Newton's 1st Law of Motion
- Investigating Newton's 2nd Law of Motion
- Looking at linear oscillating systems on a track • Principle of Inertia
- Rectilinear uniform motion on a track • Description of a trajectory
- Uniform accelerated rectilinear motion
- Uniformly mixed motion, speed and acceleration

Experiment

Dynamics • **Verify the law of the uniformly accelerated motion**



Data acquisition for uniformly accelerated motion.

Using the Altay's Linear Air Track System students can demonstrate precise accelerated motion, due to the near frictionless system.
For example, we can attach a mass via a pulley to a glider and watch its accelerated motion as detected by a position sensor that shows the characteristic parabolic trend in time.

Newton's Tube

4134.00

A falling body is independent of its mass and shape

Newton's Tube.

Laws and principles investigated

- Free fall motion in vacuum

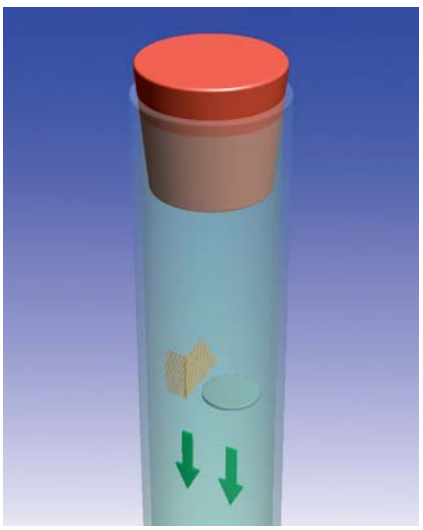
Specifications

Size: 5 x 105 cm (dia. x height) – Weight: 0.7 kg

Equipment needed

Vacuum pump (code 4184.21)

Using Newton's Tube we can demonstrate the independence of mass and shape of a falling body. The apparatus consists of a vacuum tube containing a feather and a piece of metal. We can visually demonstrate both bodies falling together inside the evacuated tube.



Detail of the falling bodies.

Experiment

Newton's 2nd Law of Motion

To verify that the falling velocity is independent of mass and shape

A force will produce an acceleration proportional to the mass of the body, as stated by 2nd Newton's Law of Motion. We can show that acceleration due to gravity (g) is independent of mass (m) as follows:

Gravity force and Newton's 2nd Law of Motion.

$$\begin{cases} F_g = mg \\ F = ma \end{cases}$$

which will make: $a = g$

Theory tells acceleration is independent of mass.

The masses simplify, as we can observe thanks to Newton's Tube.

Free Fall and Pendulum Apparatus

4134.70

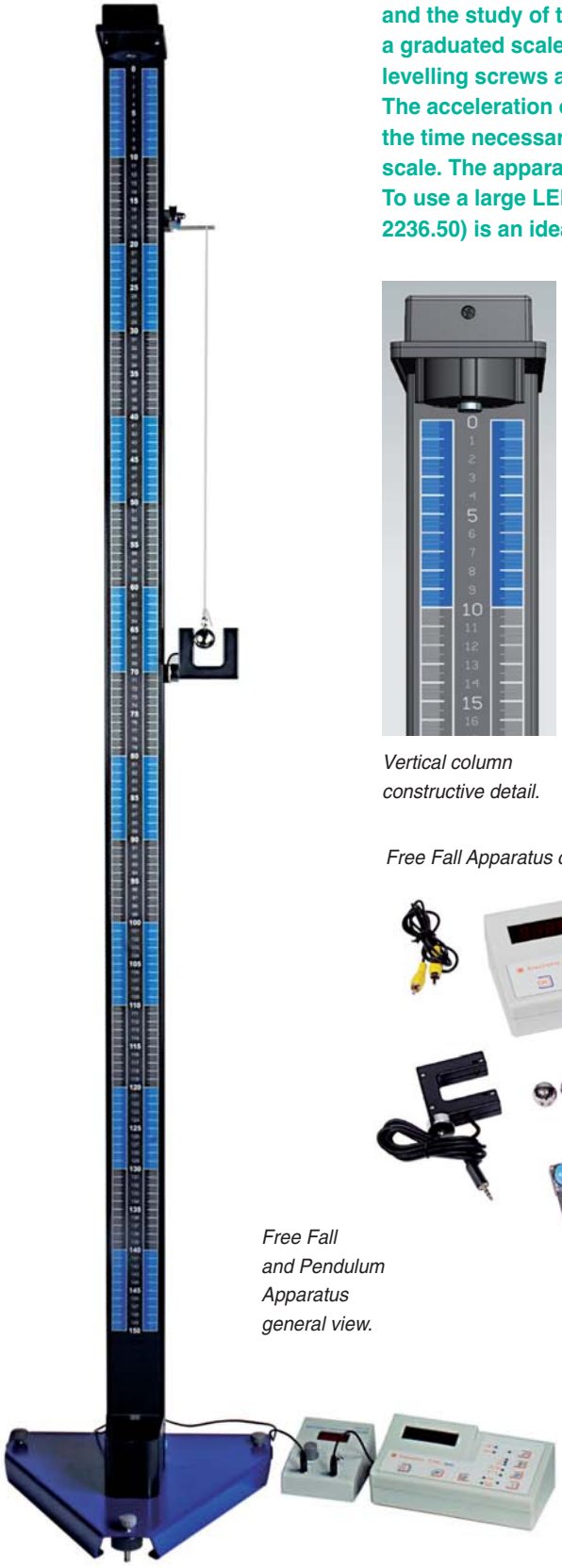
A complete solution for the study of free fall and pendulum motion

Also available with Remote Control (code 4134.70-RC)

Specifications

Vertical column height: 170 cm – Scaled surface length: 150 cm

The apparatus is designed specifically for the study of free fall due to gravity and the study of the Law of the Pendulum. It consists of a vertical column with a graduated scale and an electromagnet, mounted on a triangular base with levelling screws and a basket for the falling spheres.
The acceleration of free falling bodies, defined as "g", is studied by measuring the time necessary for a falling body to move a fixed distance on the graduated scale. The apparatus can be used with Electronic Timer.
To use a large LED display for classroom use, the Altay Large Display (code 2236.50) is an ideal choice.



Free Fall and Pendulum Apparatus general view.

Vertical column constructive detail.

Components

• Base for Free Fall and Pendulum Apparatus		4134.70-001
• Profile for Free Fall and Pendulum Apparatus		4134.70-002
• Electronic Digital Timer		2232.50
• Photogate	(2x)	2232.52
• Electronic Oscillation Counter		2237.12
• Power Supply 12 V DC 220 V AC		2402.56
• RCA Cable length		2526.30
• Stereo Jack In/Jack Out Cable		2526.31
• Polyester inelastic String		4113.20
• Set of Three Spheres with Hook (PVC, Brass, Wood)		4137.00
• Stainless Steel Sphere diam. 19 mm		4230.85
• Stainless Steel Sphere diam. 25 mm		4230.87
• Free fall electromagnet cap for track		4941.20-003
• Magnetic Support for Pendulum Cord		4941.20-005
• Plasticine®		4941.20-006
• Support for Magnet (Short)	(2x)	W026A1

Free Fall Apparatus components.

Pendulum accessories.

Laws and principles investigated

- Investigating motion of different objects with free fall
- Experiment to demonstrate the Law of the Pendulum
- Acceleration of a free fall objects of different masses
- Determination of "g" and acceleration by means of the free fall
- Determination of "g" by means of the pendulum
- Drag or frictional force on a pendulum
- Study the oscillations or periods of a pendulum
- Determination of the drag force acting on a body in motion

Experiment

Free fall motion

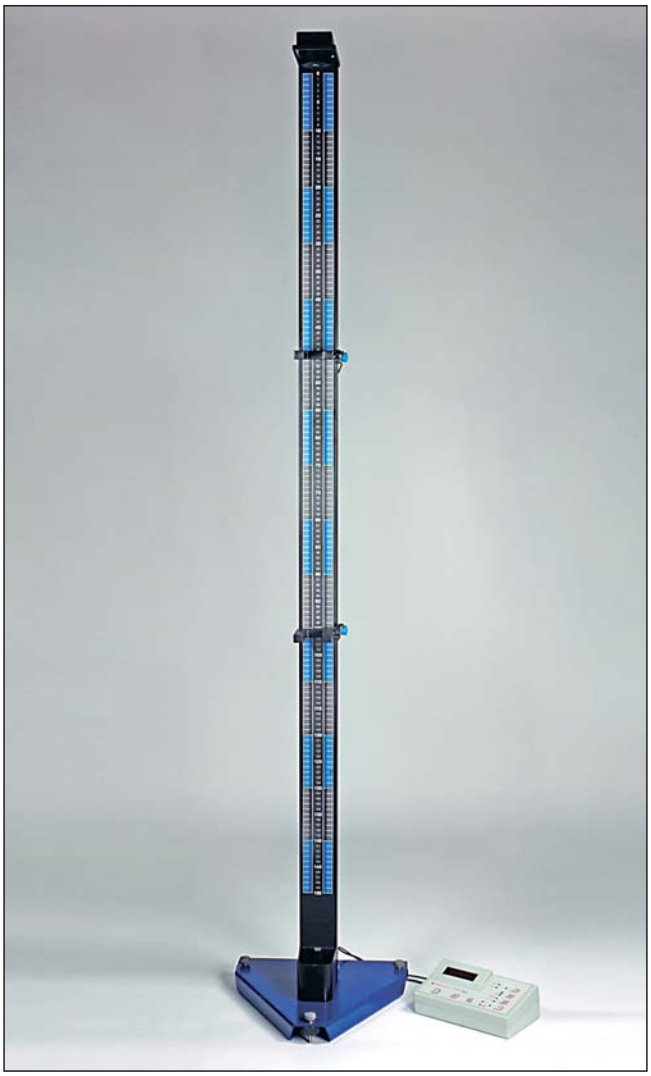
Study of the motion of acceleration due to gravity "g"

If we neglect the friction of the air, the falling sphere is subject only to the acceleration due to gravity defined by 'g'.
Using the Altay Free Fall and Pendulum Apparatus, the formula is straight forward since there is no initial velocity and the starting position is zero.

$$y = \frac{1}{2} g t^2$$

Free fall motion formula.

Using the Altay Free Fall and Pendulum Apparatus, acceleration due to gravity (g) can be easily and accurately determined by fixing a photogate at a defined distance along the scale.



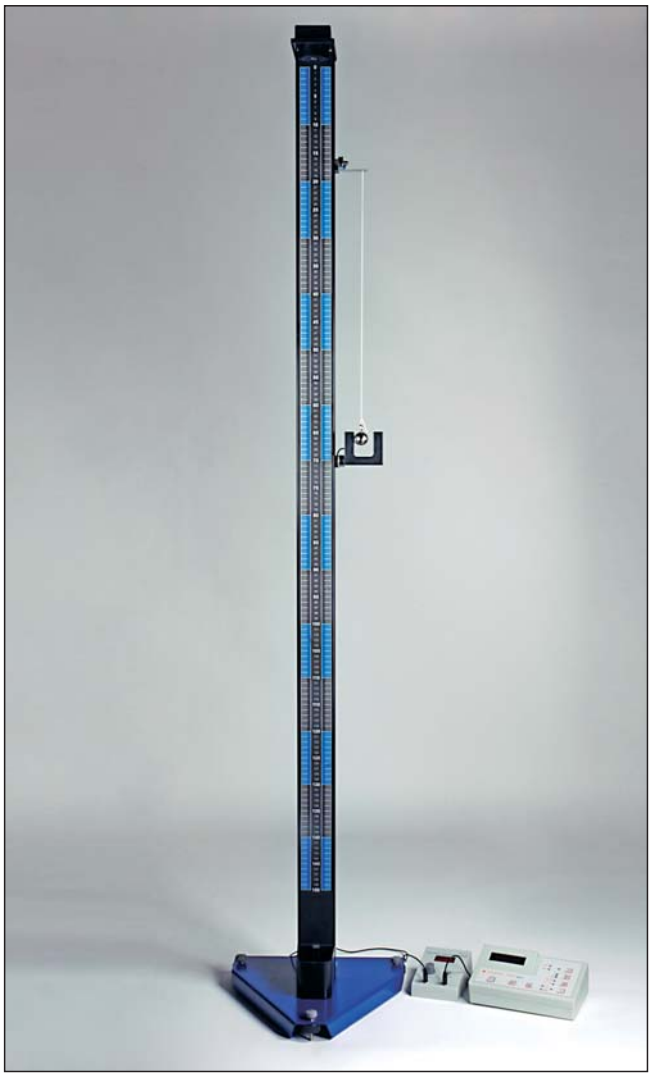
Determination of the free fall motion.

Time needed for the free fall through one metre.

Experiment

The Laws of the Pendulum

Study of the oscillations in a pendulum



Pendulum configuration.

Timing accessories detail.

The Electronic Digital Timer is an ideal tool to study of the Laws of the Pendulum. We can also use the Electronic Oscillation Counter to measure the period of the pendulum (T) to easily verify the following formula.

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

The Law of the Pendulum.

Projectile Launcher

4135.10

The ideal tool to study projectile motion

Projectile Launcher with photogates.

Specifications

Screen size: 30 x 20 cm

Equipment needed

Photogates (code 2232.52)
Electronic Digital Timer (code 2232.50)

The Altay Projectile Launcher is an ideal demonstrator showing that motion in different planes are independent of each other. The Altay Projectile Launcher not only illustrates this non-intuitive idea, but it can be used to describe the exact motion of the projectile as well.

Having seven different launch angles (in 15° increments) from 0° to 90°, it gives you the option of horizontal and variable angle launching positions. The Altay Projectile Launcher is designed with safety in mind, having our four setting spring mechanism fully enclosed.
Each of the four launch positions are released by means of a simple arm release mechanism which ensures minimal contact and hence repeatable launches time and time again. Our unique piston design means that we have minimised projectile spin so that we can ensure the highest accuracy in hitting the exact stop each time.
Also featured is a sturdy bench top clamp which can be rigidly secured to any table surface to ensure repeatable results each time the projectile is launched. Our launcher can also be fitted with photogates, which allows precise calculations of launch velocities, acceleration and for "monkey and hunter" experiments. With the help of a simple digital camera and a motion analysis software, it is also possible to study the motion in great detail.

Components

• Millimetred sheet	(5x)	4135.10-001
• Carbon sheet	(5x)	4135.10-002
• Projectile Launcher Assembly		4135.11
• Stainless Steel Sphere	(2x)	4230.85
• Landing Base		DAB022

Projectile Launcher components.

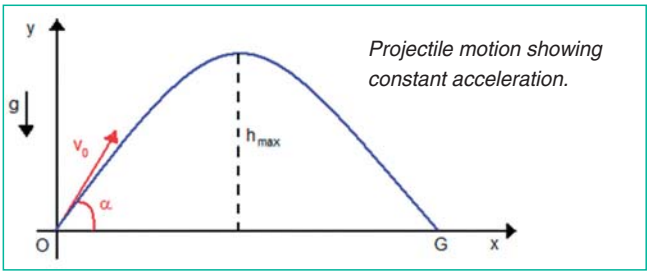
Laws and principles investigated

• Projectile motion • Decomposition of motions • Acceleration of gravity

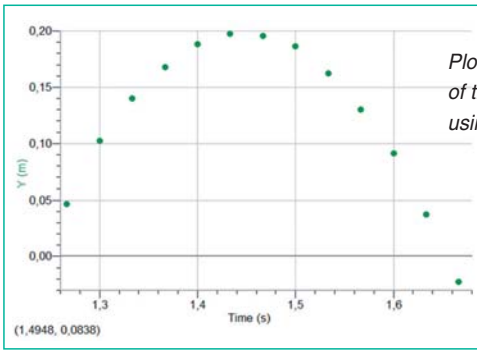
Experiment

Study of motion of a projectile · **An experiment to analyse the motion of a projectile**

The projectile fired by a gun is a good example of motion; there will always be constant acceleration (acceleration due to gravity, (g)) as described below:



Projectile motion showing constant acceleration.



Plot of trajectory of the projectile using datalogging.

Using this graph, it is possible to draw the trajectory of motion and deduce the following equations:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 0 \\ \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = -g \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} v_x = v_0 \cos\alpha \\ v_y = v_0 \sin\alpha - gt \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = (v_0 \cos\alpha)t \\ y(t) = (v_0 \sin\alpha)t - \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \end{cases}$$

General equation of motion of the projectile.

In the formula the motion along x axis is rectilinear uniform, along the y axis is determined by the acceleration of gravity (g) and is negative in the first half of motion and positive in the final trajectory.
There are four spring launch positions and one arm for the release.
By using one or two photogates it is possible to measure the launch velocity.
With the help of a simple digital camera and motion analysis software it is possible to study the motion in great detail.

Simple Pendulum

4136.50

The simplest way to discover pendulum

NEW

Altay Simple Pendulum is created to show to the whole class the fundamental experiments concerning pendulum and its laws.

The Simple Pendulum.

Specifications

Height: approx. 765 mm

Simple Pendulum is made of strong and lasting materials. Two different diameter balls show that the period of oscillation of pendulum depends only from the length of the cord.

Laws and principles investigated

• The Law of the Pendulum • Independency of the period from the mass

Multiple Pendulum Apparatus

4137.40

Understanding the Laws of the Pendulum

The Multiple Pendulum Apparatus.

Specifications

Size: 104 x 30 x 35 cm – Weight: approx. 2 kg

This apparatus has been developed for the specific purpose of studying the Laws of the Pendulum.
Using a set of spheres of different masses we can demonstrate the how influential mass can be on a pendulum system.
The apparatus can also be used to measure gravity and acceleration.

Components

• Polyester inelastic String	4113.20
• Multiple Pendulum Apparatus Stand	4137.40-001
• Set of four Brass Spheres with Hook	4137.40-002
• Set of four PVC Spheres with Hook	4137.40-003
• Set of four Wood Spheres with Hook	4137.40-004

Laws and principles investigated

• The Laws of the Pendulum
• Determination of the acceleration due to gravity

Multiple Pendulum Apparatus components.

Experiment

Pendulum detail with bifilar suspension.

The Law of the Pendulum

Sample experiments with the pendulum

A simple pendulum can be thought as a point mass suspended on a wire of negligible weight.

Two forces act on the mass: the centripetal force due to the wire and the force of gravity.
In small oscillations the period (T) depends on the wire extension (l) and the gravity constant (g) defined as:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$$

Simple pendulum formula.

Moment of Inertia Apparatus

4138.50

An experimental approach to the moment of inertia

Moment of Inertia Apparatus.

Specifications: disks diam. 36 cm and 20 cm – Rod lenght 65 cm

Equipment needed

Digital Chronometer (code 2231.52) – Vernier Photogate (code 2312.10) or Motion Detector (code 2310.10) – LabPro (code 2300.10)

The Moment of Inertia Apparatus allows students to verify the laws of the moment of inertia.
Discs of different masses and hollow cylinders, can be mounted on a low friction system in order to perform qualitative and quantitative observations. The apparatus can be used both with an electronic timer and photogates, or with a datalogger system and a computer interface.

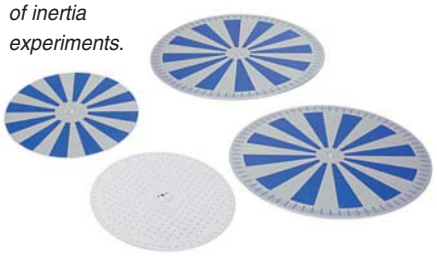
Components

• Graduated Rod		4138.50-001
• Air Cushion		4138.50-002
• Differential Pulley (demountable)		4138.50-004
• Aluminium Disk (diam. 360 mm)	(2x)	4138.50-005
• Aluminium Disk (diam. 200 mm)		4138.50-006
• Pair of Hollow Cylinder, 40 g each		4138.50-007
• Pair of Hollow Cylinder, 20 g each		4138.50-008
• Plastic Disk		4138.50-010
• Cylindrical Masses 50 g with Pin	(8x)	4138.50-012
• Massholder (overall mass 100 g)		4111.42
• Low friction pulley		4112.06
• Polyester string		4113.20
• Air Blower		4132.50
• Voltage Regulator for Air Blower		4132.52
• Swivel bosshead		5401.43
• Clamp	(2x)	5402.05
• Support Rod		5408.81.L500

Hardware components.

Air blower set.

Disks for moment of inertia experiments.



Laws and principles investigated

- Disk's moment of inertia, experimental approach and theoretical approach
- Eddy currents and magnetic friction
- Friction's moment
- Hollow cylinder's moment of inertia, experimental approach, theoretical approach
- Moment of inertia, experimental approach and theoretical approach
- Parallel axis theorem

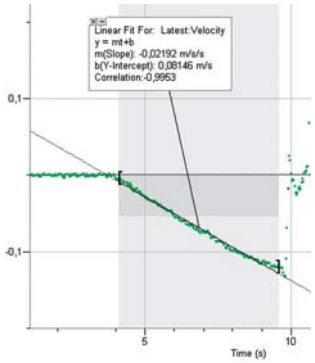
Experiment

Sample assembly for the Moment of Inertia Apparatus.

Moment of Inertia

A nice demonstration of the important concept of Inertia

The moment of inertia of a solid body corresponds to its tendency to resist angular acceleration. It is specified with respect to a chosen axis of rotation and generally has an integral form. For a point mass, it simplifies to the product of the mass (m) times the square of the distance (r) from the rotation axis.



Data acquired to estimate the moment of inertia of a hollow cylinder.

$$I = mr^2$$

Moment of Inertia of a point mass.

The point mass relationship is the basis for all other moments of inertia, since any object can be built from a collection of point masses.

Centrifugal Force Apparatus

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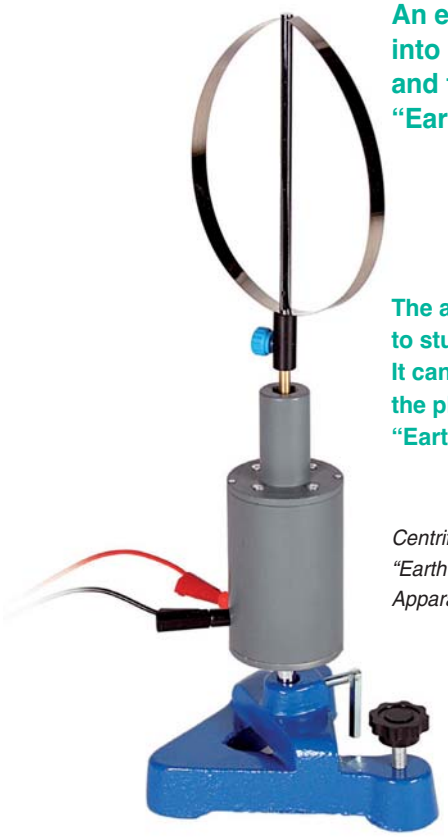


Centrifugal Forces and "Earth's poles flattening" Apparatus.

An experimental insight into centrifugal forces and the flattening of the "Earth's poles"

The apparatus is designed to study centrifugal forces. It can also be used to study the phenomena of the "Earth's poles flattening".

Specifications

Size: 16 x 16 x 45 cm – Weight: approx. 2.5 kg – Mounted on base

Equipment needed

Vernier Photogate (code 2312.10)
Dual-Range Force Sensor (code 2311.10) – LabPro (code 2300.10)
Regulated DC Power Supply Unit (code 2409.20)

Components

• Motor for Centrifugal Force Apparatus		4142.71
• Stackable plug lead, length 50 cm, red		2522.03
• Stackable plug lead, length 50 cm, black		2522.08
• Bench Clamp	(2x)	5402.05
• Rolling wire suspension		4142.72
• Centrifugal force rotator		4142.73
• "Earth's poles flattering" demonstrator		4142.74
• Support Rod, rounded ends, length 500mm	(2x)	5408.81.L500
• Support Rod, rounded ends, length 350mm		5408.81.L350
• Metal Bosshead with knobs	(3x)	5401.20
• Reel of nylon filament		4620.90

Laws and principles investigated

• Centrifugal and centripetal force • Model of Earth's pole flattering

Experiment

Earth's poles flattening demonstrator

By using the Earth's poles flattening demonstrator mounted on the electric motor, it is possible to observe the effect of the centrifugal force on the shape of Earth.

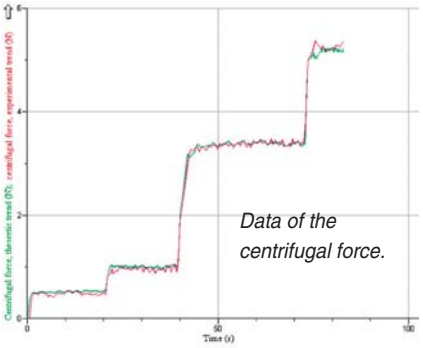
Observing the role of centrifugal force on Earth's shape.

We can readily see that the squeezing of the poles is a balance of the centrifugal force, due to the rotation of the Earth, and a centripetal force due to the elastic deformation of the Earth.

Experiment

Centrifugal force • **How to measure the intensity of the centrifugal force**

According to Newton's 3rd Law of Motion, for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.
In centripetal forces, the action is balanced by a reaction force and the centrifugal ("centre-fleeing") force. The two forces are equal in magnitude and opposite in direction.
The rotating mass is held in its path by a string which transmits the centrifugal force to the force sensor, meanwhile the photogate detects the passage of the mass at every revolution.
The measurements collected through the datalogger readily allow us to relate the centrifugal force to the angular velocity of the mass.



Data of the centrifugal force.

In the graph, experimental data is plotted in red and predicted data in green.
The dataplot shows different values of the intensity of the centrifugal force for various angular velocities.

Centrifugal Force Apparatus setup.

Torsion Balance

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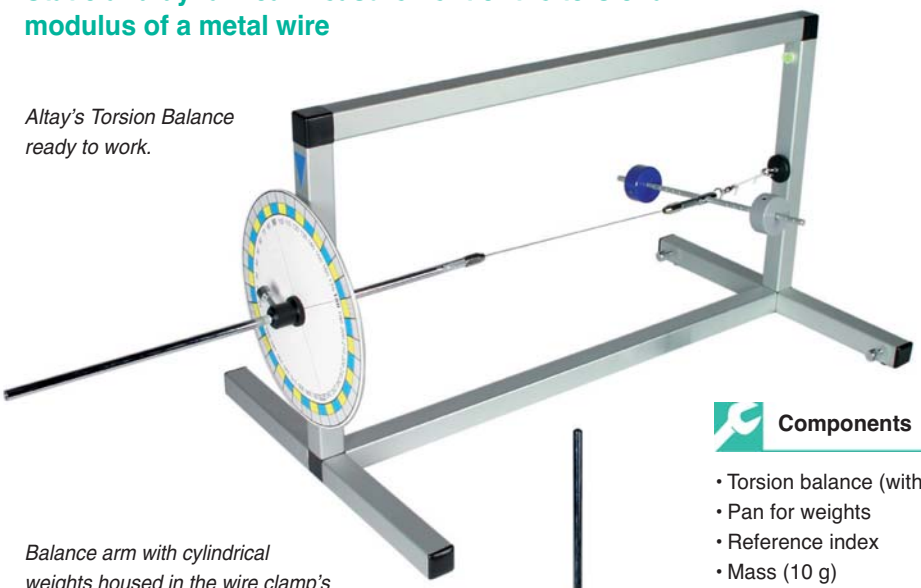
Static and dynamical measurement of the torsional modulus of a metal wire



Altay's Torsion Balance ready to work.

Balance arm with cylindrical weights housed in the wire clamp's plughole; metal wires of different diameters.

Reference index.

Specifications

Size: 37 x 35 x 100 cm – Weight: approx. 2.5 kg

Equipment needed

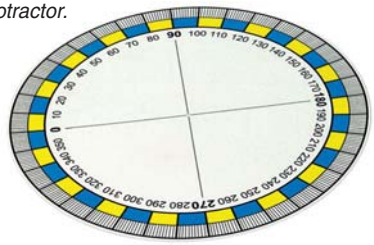
Digital Chronometer (code 2231.52)
or Vernier Photogate (code 2312.10)
or Motion Detector (code 2310.10)
LabPro (code 2300.10)

Precise and simple, the Altay's Torsion Balance is designed to study the torsional elasticity of a metal wire. Using pendulum's movement, the measurement of the balance oscillating period allows us to estimate the modulus of torsion.

Components

• Torsion balance (with protractor and clamp)		4170.00-001
• Pan for weights		4170.00-002
• Reference index		W133A1
• Mass (10 g)	(8x)	DBR047
• Balance Arm with nylon string and weights		W130A1
• Metal wire diam. 0,4 mm (length 40 cm)		RSSNCD.0,4
• Metal wire diam. 0,6 mm (length 40 cm)		RSSNCD.0,6
• Metal wire diam. 0,8 mm (length 40 cm)		RSSNCD.0,8

Protractor.



Pan and weights.

Laws and principles investigated

• Moment of inertia • Torsional modulus • Oscillation's period • Moment of a force

Experiment

Torsional modulus

The measurement of the torsional modulus of a metal wire

Place the torsional balance vertically to measure the torsional modulus. First, proceed to estimate the inertia momentum according to the weights' position on the balance arm; then set on moving the balance and record the number of oscillations and the time period in your logbook.

Apply the empirical formula relating the oscillation period, the momentum of inertia and the torsional modulus:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{I}{\tau}}$$

Set the apparatus horizontal and take a static measure of the torsional modulus, then compare the two.

Setup for the dynamical measure of the torsional modulus.

Pellat Apparatus

4180.20

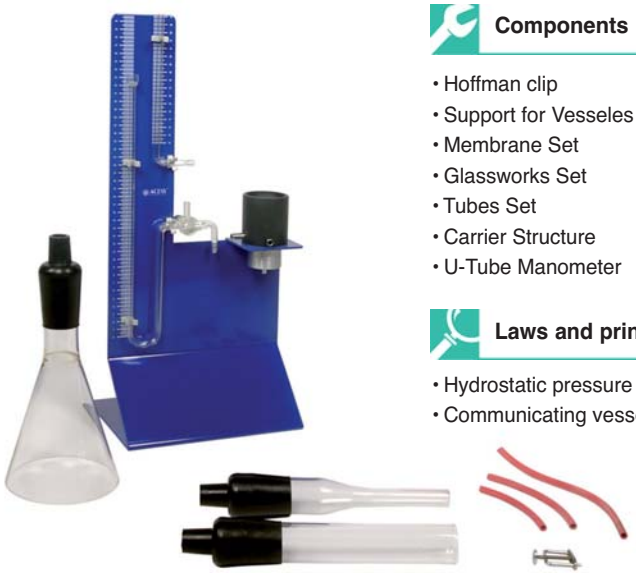
A simple experiment to study hydrostatic pressure

Pellat Apparatus.

Specifications

Size: 24 x 28 x 55 cm – Weight: approx. 4.5 kg

The Pellat Apparatus is specifically designed to study the independence of hydrostatic pressure from the shape of the vessel.
The apparatus is provided with glass cones of different shapes in order to study this principle. A specifically designed pump system allows us to compare the pressures of different shapes. The apparatus is composed of a supporting panel on which a cylindrical support is used to hold the various shaped containers.



Pellat Apparatus components.

Components

• Hoffman clip	5432.05
• Support for Vesseles Spare	DRB004
• Membrane Set	4180.20-001
• Glassworks Set	4180.20-002
• Tubes Set	4180.20-003
• Carrier Structure	W004A1
• U-Tube Manometer	W006A1

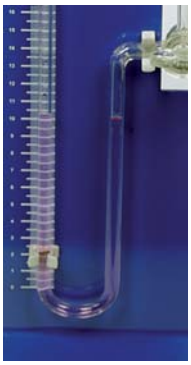
Laws and principles investigated

- Hydrostatic pressure
- Communicating vessels principle

The bottom of the support is made of an elastic membrane which is the moving part of a capsule connected with an air gauge.
A small vertical tube is used for checking the level and the discharge of the vessels.

Experiment

Hydrostatic pressure · **Independence of the pressure on the shape of the vessel**

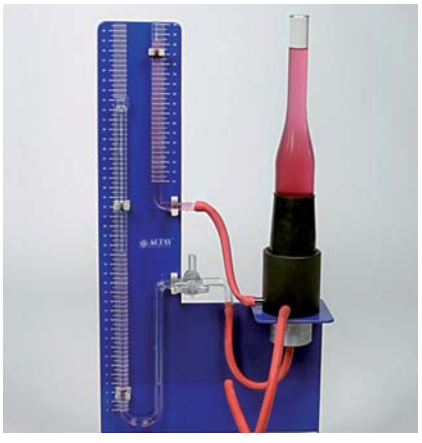


With this easy to use apparatus, it is possible to demonstrate that the hydrostatic pressure on the bottom of a vessel does not depend on the shape of the vessel but only on the specific weight and on the level of the liquid. The effect can be shown through a vessel whose bottom is the membrane of a manometer capsule.
If water is poured in the vessel it can be observed that as the level increases the pressure shown by the gauge increases. This is because the pressure on the flexible wall of the manometer capsule at the bottom increases.

Balanced pressure in an empty vessel.

Once a predetermined level (say 28 cm) has been reached, the level of the liquid contained in the left limb of the gauge is marked before turning the vessel over and substituting it with another of different shape.

By filling a different vessel up to the same level as the first, it can be observed that the pressure at the bottom of the membrane will still remain the same. A similar result will be seen with a third different vessel.



Conical shape vessel mounted on Pellat Apparatus.

Thin shape vessel with 28 cm water height shows the same 13 cm pressure column height.

Pascal's Apparatus

4180.12

Verify the Pascal's Law in a simple way

NEW

Pascal's Apparatus.

Laws and principles investigated

• Pascal's Law

Specifications

Size: approx 150 x 200 x 250 mm

Our Pascal's Apparatus has been designed to easily demonstrate that the pressure in a vessel is the same in every direction.
The apparatus is mounted in a strong shock resistant plastic base.

Experiment

Pascal's Law • Pascal's law or Pascal's principle states that for all points at the same absolute height in a connected body of an incompressible fluid at rest, the fluid pressure is the same, even if additional pressure is applied on the fluid at some place.
The difference of pressure due to a difference in elevation within a fluid column is given by:

$$\Delta P = \rho g(\Delta h)$$

where, using SI units,

ΔP is the hydrostatic pressure (in pascals), or the difference in pressure at two points within a fluid column, due to the weight of the fluid;
ρ is the fluid density (in kilograms per cubic meter);
g is sea level acceleration due to Earth's gravity (in meters per second squared);
Δh is the height of fluid above (in meters), or the difference in elevation between the two points within the fluid column.

Pascal's law can be interpreted as saying that any change in pressure applied at any given point of the fluid is transmitted undiminished throughout the fluid.

Spouting Jar

4180.42

Easily demonstrate the various pressures of liquids

Altay's Spouting Jar.

The Spouting Jar Apparatus gives a very nice classroom demonstration of the laws governing pressure in fluids.
The apparatus consists of a metal column filled with water with spout out water at different height along the vertical column through rubber tubes fixed along its length.
The experiment will clearly see the direct relationship between the pressure of the liquid and length of the ejected water column through each spout.

Specifications

Size: 25 x 28 x 52 cm – Weight: approx. 1.8 kg

Components

• Spouting Jar Stand		4180.42-001
• Tube	(4x)	4180.42-002
• Mohr Clip	(4x)	5431.05

Laws and principles investigated

• Stevino's Law

Experiment

Mechanics of fluids
Verifying the Stevino's Law

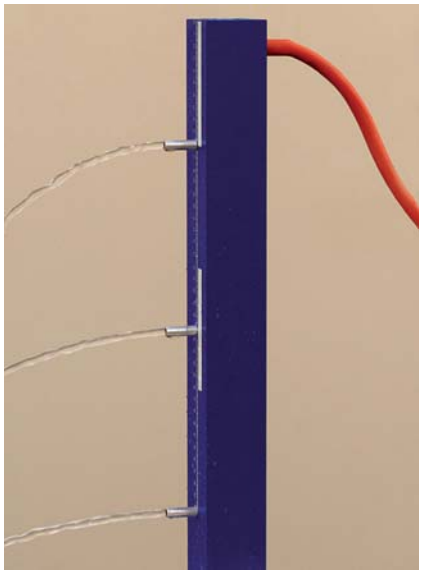
The most immediate application of this apparatus is the quantitative verification of the Stevino's Law. This law relates liquid pressure to the atmospheric pressure (P_{atm}), the density (ρ) of the fluid, the gravity acceleration (g) and the height (h) of the water column:

$$P = P_{atm} + \rho g h$$

Right away students can notice a remarkable difference between the three spouts and applying the basic laws of kinematics,

$$v = \sqrt{2gh} = \sqrt{\frac{2P}{\rho}} \rightarrow P = \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2$$

they can relate the velocity of the outgoing water with the pressure (P) of the liquid at that height. The linearity of Stevino's Law follows.



Snapshot of the Spouting Jar at work.

Communicating Vessels

4180.60

An interesting experiment with connecting vessels

Communicating Vessels with coloured water.

The apparatus is an ideal experiment platform to study the principles of connecting fluid vessels.
It consists of a set of four inter-communicating glass tubes of different diameters and shapes.
This is an ideal demonstration tool for the observation of fluid dynamics.

Specifications

Size: 20 x 18 x 20 cm – Weight: approx. 150 g
Mounted on base

Components

- Communicating Vessels Glasswork 4180.60-001
- Base 5405.30

Laws and principles investigated

- Communicating vessels principle

Experiment

Fluid Dynamics • **Take an insight of this interesting behaviour of liquids**

The level reached by the liquid in each of the four glass tubes of the apparatus is the same and it remains so even if the apparatus is inclined!
If you add a non-miscible fluid to one of the tubes by replacing the same amount of the fluid already there, the level containing the non-miscible fluid will be different from the other levels.

Students peering at the principle of communicating vessels.

Capillary Tubes

4182.20

Exploring capillarity of various fluids

The Capillary Tubes apparatus

Specifications

Size: 20 x 18 x 20 cm
Weight: approx.190 g
Mounted on base

An easy to use apparatus to investigate capillarity and surface tension in fluids.
The apparatus consists of a set of five interconnecting glass tubes of different diameters which give students a unique experimental insight to the phenomena of capillarity and surface tension.

Components

- Capillary Tubes Glasswork 4182.20-001
- Base 5405.30

Laws and principles investigated

- Capillarity • Jurin's Law

Experiment

Capillarity • **Narrow tubes and fluid behaviour**

Capillary action is a physical effect caused by the interactions of a liquid with the walls of a thin tube. The capillary effect is a function of the ability of the liquid to wet a particular material.
It is due to surface tension by which the portion of the surface of a liquid coming in contact with a solid is elevated or depressed, depending on the adhesive or cohesive properties of the liquid.

The liquid reaches different levels depending on the size of the capillary tube and the difference in height increases as the radius decreases according to Jurin's Law.

Jurin's Law. $$h \cong \frac{2\tau}{\rho g r}$$

h is the height, r is the capillary radius, τ is the surface tension of the liquid.

Lift Pump on Stand

4183.11

Discover how pumps work

This striking demonstration glass apparatus, mounted on a strong iron base, allows to the students to understand basic principles of mechanics of fluid. The transparency of the glasswork allows an in-depth comprehension of the mechanism, thanks to the view of valves.

NEW

The Lift Pump on Stand Apparatus.

Specifications

Size: 14 x 14 x 30 cm – Weight: 1,5 kg – Mounted on base

Components

• Lift Pump Glasswork	4183.11-001
• Base	4183.11-002
• Basket	4183.11-003

Laws and principles investigated

• Pump functioning • Concept of Pressure

Vacuum Bell with Plate

4315.60

The classic vacuum bell, for acoustic and mechanics of fluid experiments

The Vacuum Bell.

Specifications

Dimensions: diam. approx 20 cm, height approx 30 cm

Equipment Needed

Vacuum Pump (code 4184.21) – Silicone Grease (code 5424.52)

This bell is the ideal solution for every experiment involving vacuum, like propagation of sound or experiments with the Buoyancy Balance (code 4184.93).

Vacuum Bell Plate.

Magdeburg Hemispheres

4184.48

The clearest and funniest experiment to explain the concept of pressure

NEW

Magdeburg Hemispheres.

A pair of large PVC hemispheres with mating rims.
When the the air is pumped out, the sphere contains a vacuum and could not be pulled apart by hands.
To power the machine, connect it to the Altay Vacuum Pump (code 4184.21).

Laws and principles investigated

• Concept of pressure • Air pressure

Specifications

Dimensions: diam. approx 13 cm

Equipment Needed

Vacuum Pump (code 4184.21) or Manual Vacuum Pump (code 4184.12)

The Magdeburg hemispheres were designed by German scientist Otto von Guericke in 1650 to demonstrate the air pump he had invented and the concept of air pressure.

Try to open the hemispheres!

Sphere with Two Stopcocks

4184.90

A simple experiment to measure air density

This item consists of a Pyrex glass sphere with two stopcocks. The blown glass can hold low-vacuum and has a capacity of roughly 1 litre.
The sphere is equipped with two stopcocks and glass connections for rubber tubes.

Specifications: capacity 1 l

Equipment Needed

Vacuum Pump (Code: 4184.21) - Electronic Balance (code 2219.30) or Ohaus Scout® Pro Balance 400 ± 0.01 g (code 2219.61)

The purpose of this item is to measure air density making use of a vacuum pump and a sensitive balance.

NEW

Laws and principles investigated

• Air density • Vacuum

Sphere with Two Stopcocks.

The Sphere with Two Stopcocks with the Vacuum Pump.

Buoyancy Balance

4184.93

Simple and effective instrument to experience buoyancy of air

Altay Buoyancy balance is equipped with inclination index to recover the buoyancy force and the level of vacuum in the bell.

Laws and principles investigated

• Buoyancy of air • Air Pressure and level of vacuum

Specifications

Available from July 2008 – Dimensions: 17 x 17 x 13 cm

Equipment needed

Vacuum Pump (code 4184.21)
Vacuum Bell with Plate (code 4315.60)
Silicon Grease (code 5424.52)

This apparatus is constituted of a polystyrene foam ball suspended on a balance arm and mounted on a PVC stand. When located in a vacuum jar and evacuated, the balance inclines as the buoyancy force diminishes.

NEW

Components

• Balance	4184.93-001
• Sphere with Hook	4184.93-002

Altay Buoyancy Balance with inclination index.

The Buoyancy Balance inside the Vacuum Bell, with the Vacuum Pump

Aluminium Cuboid for Buoyancy

4184.95

The perfect partner for the Buoyancy Balance

Aluminium parallelogram ideal for the study of the hydrostatic pressure.

NEW

Aluminium Cuboid.

Specifications

Available from July 2008

Dimensions: approx. 15 x 3 x 3 cm

Equipment needed

Buoyancy Balance (code 4184.93)

Laws and principles investigated

- Hydrostatic pressure
- Buoyancy
- Weight force

Boyle's Law Apparatus

4187.19

Get started with mechanics of fluids

Boyle's Law Apparatus.

Specifications

Size: 20 x 14 x 125 cm – Weight: approx. 4 kg

Equipment needed

Mercury (code 4207.55)

The essential form of the apparatus gives a natural approach to the empirical basis of Boyle's Law. It becomes a simple way to approach the experimental side of physics and to introduce at sight the concepts of vacuum, pressure, density, etc.

Components

• Graduated Burette		4187.20
• Reservoir tube		4187.21
• Hookup for pipe	(4x)	DDL001
• Knob (Policarbonate, Yellow) M5 x 10mm	(2x)	DGAKNR.M5X10
• Tube for Boyle apparatus		DSR001
• Sliding support for profile	(2x)	W012A1
• Stand for Boyle's law apparatus		W115A1

Laws and principles investigated

- Boyle's Law
- Atmospheric pressure

Experiment

Boyle-Mariotte Law

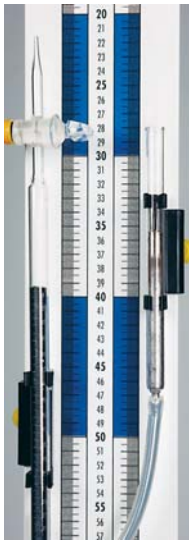
An experimental approach to this physical phenomena

The tube filled with mercury and connected to a closed reservoir allows to study the aeriform substance in the expansion container.
By raising or lowering the other end of the tube, compression or rarefaction of the gas is obtained.

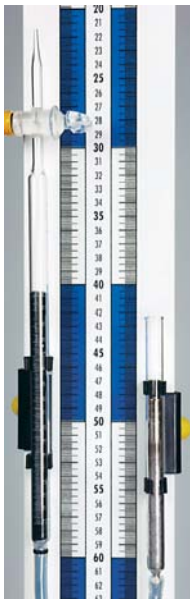
$$PV = K$$

Boyle-Mariotte empirical law.

The product of pressure and volume of a gas is constant when temperature is fixed.
The variation of the height of the mercury column implies a simultaneous change of the volume occupied by the substance.



Example showing the compression of gas.



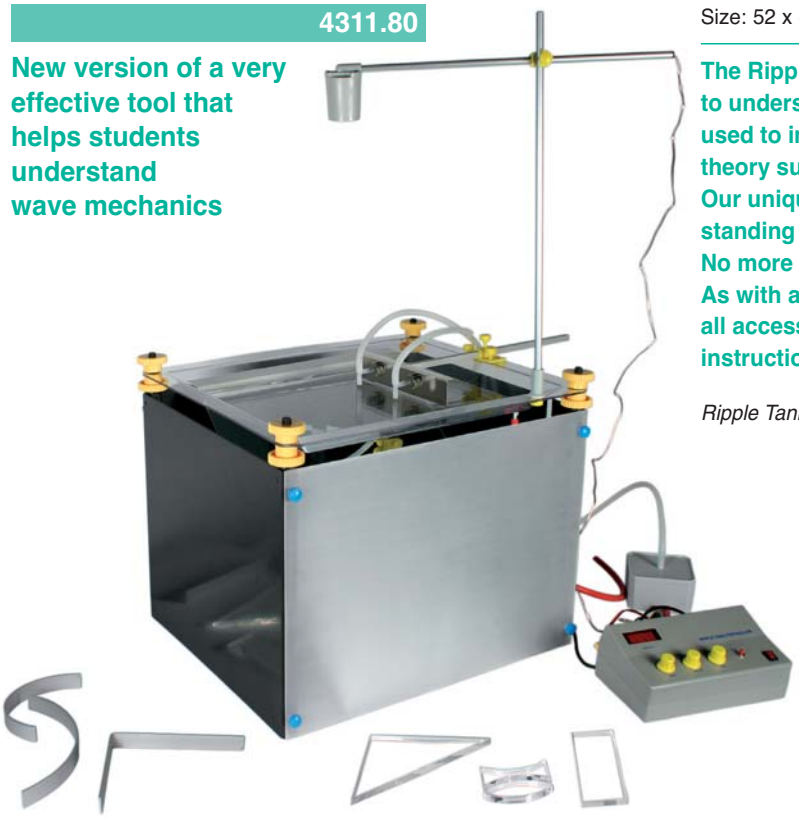
Particular showing the expansion of gas.

This apparatus can also be used to estimate the atmospheric pressure. Thanks to the high density and the very low saturated vapour pressure of mercury at normal temperatures, it allows an immediate measure of the atmospheric pressure: the world famous Torricelli's barometer.

Ripple Tank

4311.80

New version of a very effective tool that helps students understand wave mechanics



Ripple Tank.

Specifications

Size: 52 x 44 x 40 cm – Weight: approx. 6.5 kg

The Ripple Tank is a very effective tool that helps students to understand wave mechanics. The Ripple Tank is also used to introduce, develop and visually demonstrate wave theory such as refraction, diffraction and interference.
Our unique system uses a pulsed air supply so that standing waves are easy to reproduce.
No more difficult phase change oscillators to worry about!
As with all Altay products, the Ripple Tank is supplied with all accessories, including connecting cables and instruction manual.

Components

• Tank		W057A1
• Ripple Tank Controller		W060A1
• Woofer		W065A1
• Strobe lamp for ripple tank		4311.80-001
• Tubing Set		4311.80-005
• Figures Set		4311.80-006
• Mohr spring		5431.10
• Bush with Brass Insert	(8x)	DAB122
• Panels Set		4311.80-007
• Profiles Set		4311.80-008
• Beater Set		4311.80-009

We use a unique pulsed air system to produce accurate and repeatable waves with our Ripple Tank. The electronic controller allows you to control the frequency of the pulses and hence the value of the wavelength. The controller also coordinates the same pulsed air frequency to the stroboscope so that the waves appear to be static and therefore easily measurable. The system also includes a bright light source which is easily moveable to the side of the Ripple Tank.

Laws and principles investigated

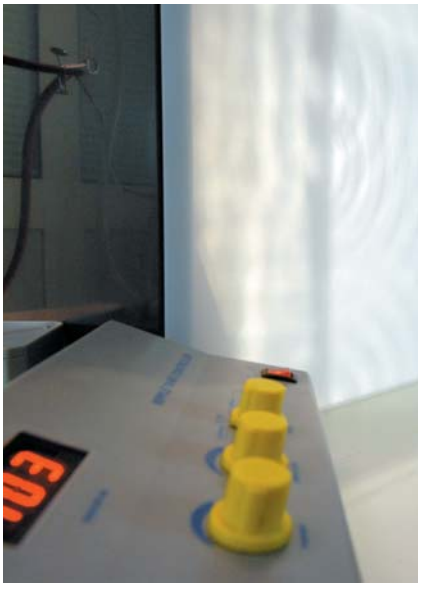
• Diffraction of plane waves through a slit • Dispersion • Gravity waves • Interference of waves
• Liquid depth and waves propagation speed • Periodic waves • Pulses diffraction
• Reflection of plane and circular waves on a curved obstacle
• Reflection of plane waves by angle shaped obstacle • Reflection of plane waves on a flat obstacle
• Refraction of plane waves • Refraction of plane waves through a plate with parallel faces
• Refraction of plane waves through lenses • Stationary waves • Superimposed pulses • Total refraction

Experiment

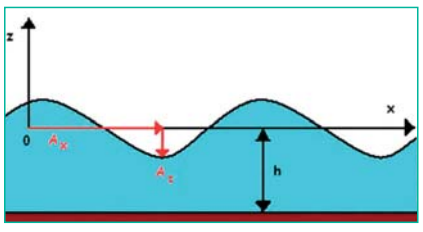
Reflected wave from a circular obstacle

With the Ripple Tank it is possible to study many types of interference between waves

By using the stroboscopic effect, it is quick and simple to have a fixed image of the interference of a plane wave on an obstacle and constructive and destructive interference phenomena between two circular waves. All this is due to the ripple tank controller that synchronises the stroboscopic flash and the air pulse with a selectable frequency and amplitude.



Ripple Tank Controller detail.



Relationship between depth and phase velocity.

Focus of a circular mirror.

Experiment

Wavelength

Measure the wavelength of a plane wave

With the Ripple Tank it is easy to teach students concepts such as wavelength, period, frequency, amplitude and so on.
The screen is also very useful in taking direct measures of quantities. With a calliper, it is easy to measure the wavelength of a plane wave and verify the relation between other quantities such as period and frequency.

Student measuring the wavelength of a plane wave.

Spring Set

4315.16

Longitudinal and transversal waves

Specifications

Wave Form Helix (Slinky), diameter 8 cm, unstretched length 13 cm, may be stretched to approximately 5 m
Helix Spring, diameter 2 cm, unstretched length 1 m

These springs are ideal for demonstrating longitudinal and transverse waves.

Altay's Spring Set includes Wave Form Helix and Helix Spring, that can be sold separately.

Components

• Wave Form Helix (Slinky)	4315.00
• Helix Spring	4315.02
• Cord	4315.16-001

Laws and principles investigated

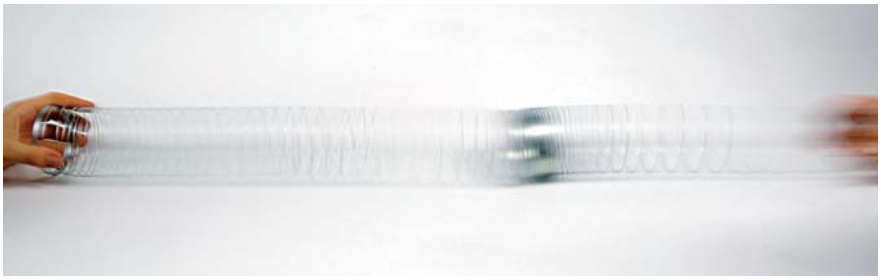
• Logitudinal and transversal waves

Experiment

Waves

An introduction to a wide range of teaching involving longitudinal waves

Altay's Spring Set allows teachers to literally introduce a hands on approach to the teaching of waves. The motion of the coil compressions of the springs resemble sound waves.
You can observe reflection and interference on the slinky created by students themseves.



Wave Form Helix

4315.00

Explore longitudinal waves

The Wave Form Helix is the best way to figure out how longitudinal waves work.

Laws and principles investigated

• Logitudinal waves

Specifications

Diameter: 8 cm – Unstretched length: 13 cm, stretched length: approx 5 m

Helix Spring

4315.02

Discover transversal waves

Try the Helix Spring to discover transversal waves.

Laws and principles investigated

• Transversal waves

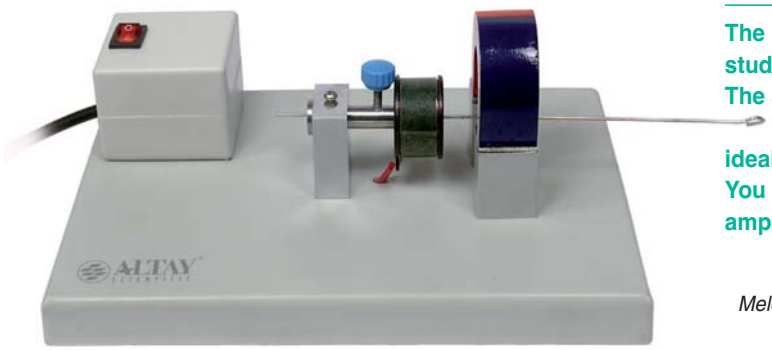
Specifications

Diameter: 2 cm – Unstretched length: 1 m

Melde's Apparatus

4315.35

A simple experiment to study standing waves on a string



Melde's Apparatus detail.

Specifications

Size: 25 x 18 x 7 cm – Weight: approx. 1.6 kg

Equipment Suggested

Stroboscope (code 2238.10)

The Melde's Apparatus is a simple way to introduce students to the concept of standing waves. The apparatus consists of a string and an oscillator to generate different frequencies. Melde's experiment is ideal to study the behaviour of standing waves. You can even visually determine wavelength, period and amplitude of waves.

Melde's Apparatus components.

Components

• Wave generator base		4315.35-001
• Metal rod with hook		4315.35-002
• U-shaped magnet		4611.71
• Clamp		4315.35-003
• Weight holder		4315.35-004
• String		4315.35-005
• Mass, 50 g	(4x)	2221.30

Laws and principles investigated

• Standing waves on a string

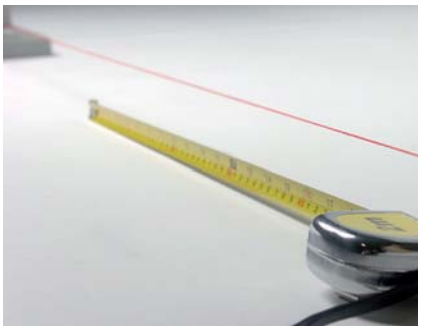
Experiment

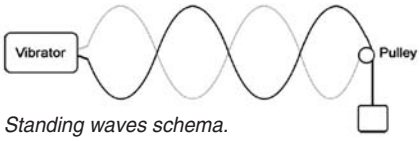
Standing waves

Easy determination of amplitude and wavelength in a standing wave

Simply connect a string with a hanging mass attached to the wave generator and turn on the apparatus.
You can start observing the standing waves, in particular, the distance between two nodes corresponds to half the wavelength.

Measuring a standing wave.





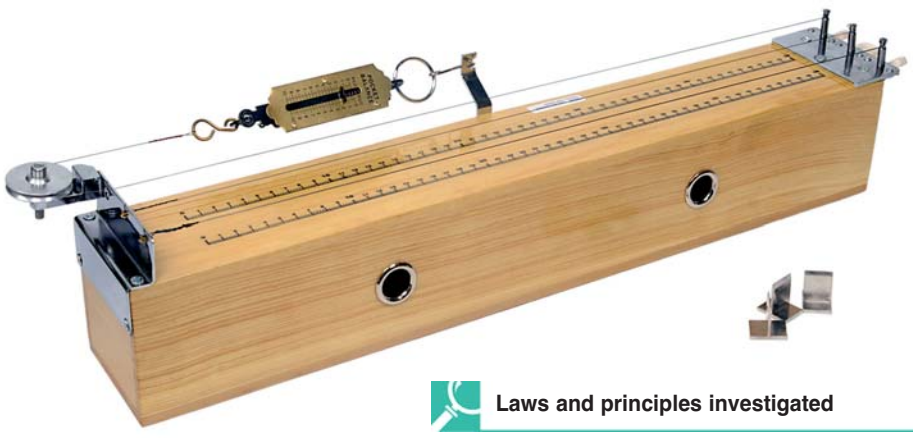
Standing waves schema.

Using a simple tape meter, it is possible to measure the wavelength and the amplitude. With some basic calculations, you will verify the relation between the frequency of the vibrating string, its wavelength, the tension applied and the density of the string.

Three-Wire Sonometer

4316.05

Enquiring the laws of the vibrating string



Specifications

Size: 67 x 10 x 10 cm
Weight: approx. 1.5 kg

Appealing and elegant, the Sonometer is a classical device developed in order to study vibrating strings. With this apparatus it is possible to investigate the dependence of the pitch on the length, tension and thickness of a vibrating string.

Three-Wire Sonometer apparatus.

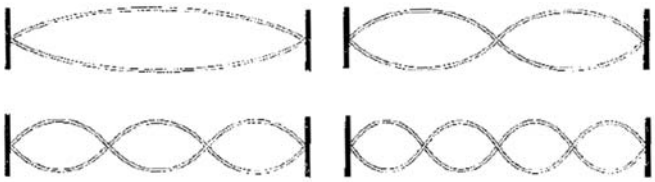
Laws and principles investigated

• Vibration frequency of a stretched string as a function of the length, tension and density of the string
• Frequency versus length • Frequency versus tension • Frequency versus mass per unit of length

Experiment

Vibrating strings • **How to visualize the normal modes of a string**

Students can readily verify the dependence of the pitch on the length of the string, by just inserting a bridge under the string so to choose such length. Moreover, two strings of different diameters are put under tension with an endless screw device; weights or a dynamometer can be attached to the other string. The excitation of the strings is obtained with a bass bow or by simply plucking them.



Examples of normal modes of a vibrating string.

Pair of LA_3 Tuning Forks

4317.40

A pair of mounted tuning forks for interference and resonance experiments

Tuning forks.

Specifications

Size: approx. 14 x 7 x 20 cm each – Weight: approx. 0.4 kg each

Tuning forks are a standard tool in school laboratories helping students to understand the relationship between wave frequency and pitch.
The Altay tuning forks can be used to perform several experiments. Ideal for determining the wave frequency (can be used with a data logger and sound sensor) and the pitch. These high quality aluminium forks are mounted on a base to enhance the resonant sounds. Complete with rubber mallet.

Components

• LA3 tuning fork	(2x)	4317.40-001
• Resonance box for tuning forks	(2x)	4317.40-002
• Rubber mallet		4317.40-003
• Sliding masses on fork	(2x)	4317.40-004

Laws and principles investigated

• Use of the tuning forks • Resonance • Interference • Beats

The tuning fork is a sound generator. It was invented by John Shore in 1711, and it is used for determining musical pitch and also in sound experiments.
The tuning fork generates a pure sound of a determined frequency. Each fork is a metallic elastic body which vibrates and then generates longitudinal elastic waves of acoustic frequencies.

Experiment

Pure tone • **LA_3 sound and resonance**

When the tuning fork is mounted on the resonance box and is hit with the mallet, it will transmit a vibrational energy to the walls of the resonance box and then to the air inside the box.
The box is also an oscillating system and therefore can resonate both on the fundamental frequency as well as on higher harmonics. The tuning forks will produce a note at a frequency of 440 Hz.
Two adjustable masses can be fitted to the tuning fork and can modify the frequency of each one by moving the arm up and down.

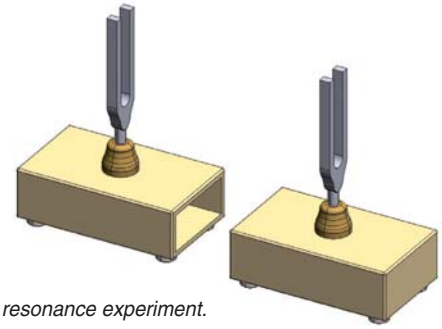
Tuning fork in use.

Experiment

Resonance

Excitation of a tuning fork by resonance

You can vibrate a tuning fork without even touching it. By resonance.
This is done by striking another tuning fork facing the one you want to resonate.
You will notice that the maximum resonance is experienced when both the open resonant boxes face each other.



Setup for resonance experiment.

Set of Tuning Forks

4317.90

Set of Tuning Forks for a wide range of experiments

Set of Tuning Forks in its ABS case with foam inserts.

Specifications

Size: 25 x 21 x 7 cm – Weight: approx. 0.8 kg
Packing: ABS carry case with foam inserts

The Altay Set of Tuning Forks contains eight tuning forks representing a full octave of frequencies, a soft protective case and a rubber mallet. You can also study resonance, interference, beats and the relationship among them. The set also contains tuning forks of exact multiple frequencies of each other (for example 256 Hz and 512 Hz), allowing you to perform interesting experiments in harmonics. Ideal for use with the LabPro software and data logging sound sensor to demonstrate beats.

Components

• Tuning fork c^1, 256 Hz	4317.90-001
• Tuning fork d^1, 288 Hz	4317.90-002
• Tuning fork e^1, 320 Hz	4317.90-003
• Tuning fork f^1, 341.3 Hz	4317.90-004
• Tuning fork g^1, 384 Hz	4317.90-005
• Tuning fork a^1, 426.6 Hz	4317.90-006
• Tuning fork h^1, 480 Hz	4317.90-007
• Tuning fork c^2, 512 Hz	4317.90-008
• Rubber mallet	4317.90-009

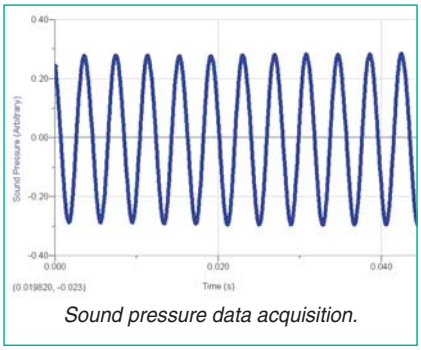
Laws and principles investigated

- Measure the frequency and period of sound waves from tuning forks
- Measure the amplitude of sound waves from tuning forks
- Investigating resonance, interference and beats

Experiment

Resonance frequencies • **Determine the sound frequency of the tuning forks**

When tuning forks are vibrated, the forks create a compression and a rarefaction of the surrounding air. Periodically vibrating the tuning fork alternatively compresses and rarefies the surrounding air that transmits this in the form of longitudinal waves that move away from the source.
When these waves reach the ear, they cause us to hear a sound. This set of tuning forks is ideal in all the experiments useful to illustrate acoustic phenomenon, particularly with the Three-Wire Sonometer (code 4316.05), and the Resonance Apparatus (code 4331.27).



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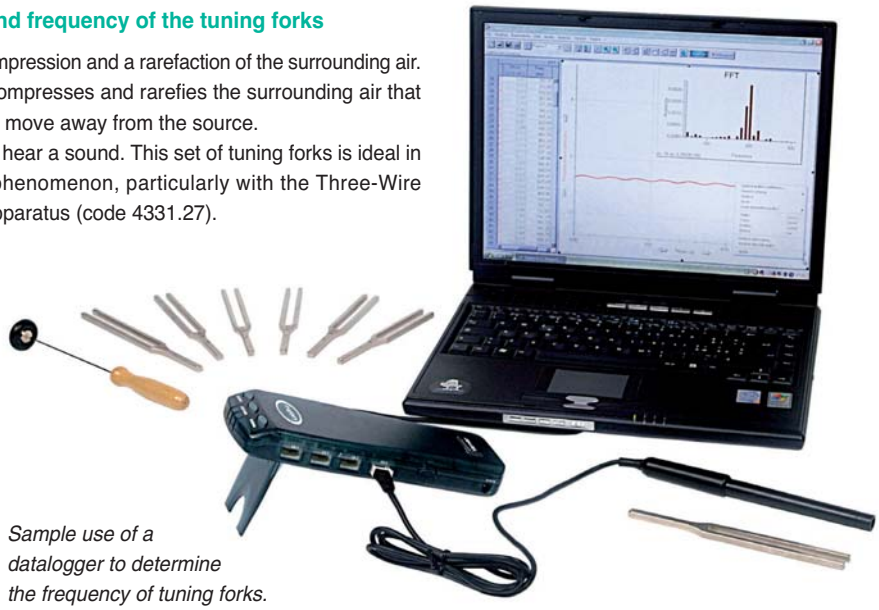


Sample use of a datalogger to determine the frequency of tuning forks.

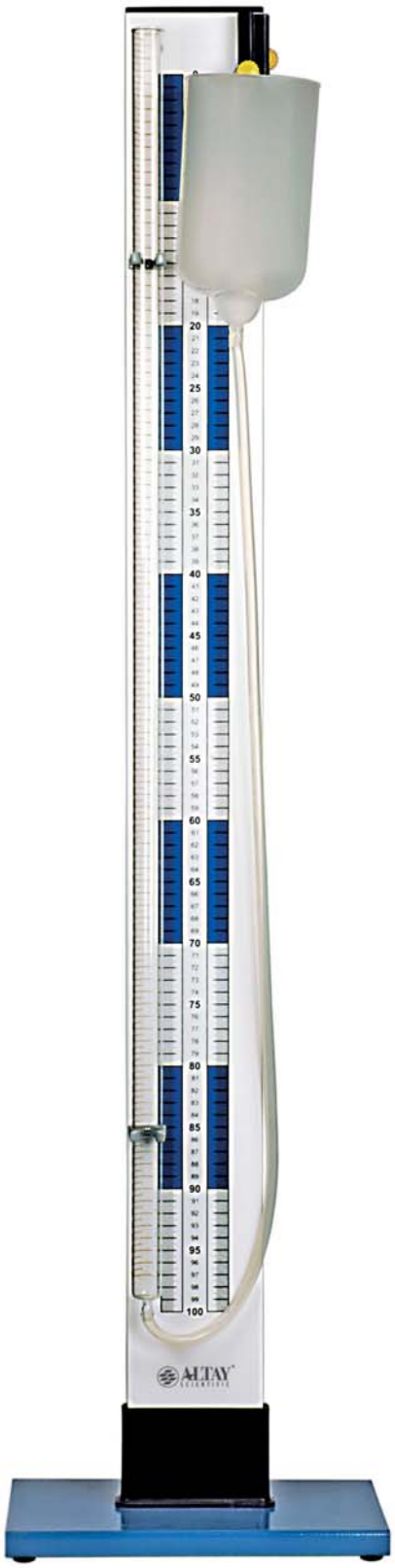
The diaphragm of a microphone sensor records these variations by moving in response to the pressure changes.
The diaphragm motion is then converted to an electrical signal.
Using a microphone and a computer interface, you can explore the properties of common sounds such as period, frequency and amplitude.
When two sound waves overlap, their air pressure variations will combine.

For sound waves, this combination is additive. We say that sound follows the principle of linear superposition.
Beats are an example of superposition.
Two sounds of nearly the same frequency will create a distinctive variation of sound amplitude, which we call beats. You can study this phenomenon with a microphone, lab interface, and computer.

Resonance Apparatus

4331.27

Demonstrating standing waves



The Resonance Apparatus.

Specifications

Size: 30 x 20 x 104 cm – Weight: approx. 3.2 kg
Mounted on base

Equipment needed

Set of Tuning forks (code 4317.90)

The Resonance Apparatus allows you to observe the resonance phenomena and to measure the speed of sound in air by exploiting standing wave and resonance effects in longitudinal waves.

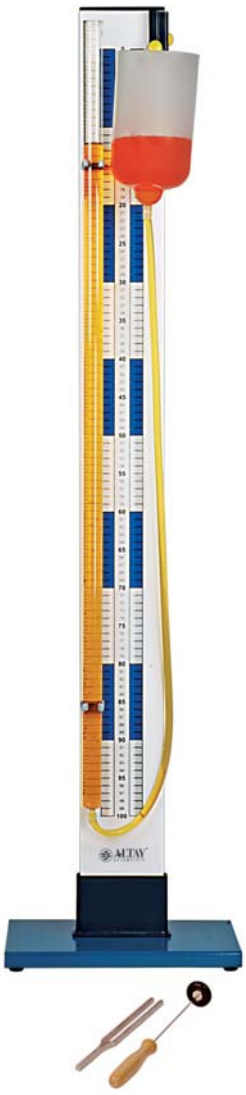
Components

• Stand for Resonance Apparatus		4331.27-001
• Levelling Bulb (1000ml)		4331.27-002
• Rubber tube		4331.27-003
• Resonance tube		4331.27-004
• Knob (Policarbonate, Yellow) M5 x 10 mm	(2x)	DGAKNR.M5X10
• Sliding Support with 2 holes		W012A2

Laws and principles investigated

• Resonance • Resonance points for a certain frequency and their relation with the standing wavelength
• Measurement of the speed of sound in air • Measurement of the wavelength of the incoming wave

Experiment



The Resonance Apparatus ready to use.

Resonance phenomena

How to visually determine the wavelength of a standing wave

This apparatus allows us to introduce the concepts and the main features of resonance. By raising or lowering the water-filled bulb, the length of the air column in the tube can be adjusted to correspond to the wavelength of the sound source placed near the mouth of the tube.

The resonance tube matching the wavelength of the incoming sound wave.

Air in a tube can be regarded as an oscillating system with its own vibration frequencies.
When an exciting frequency is equal to one of the apparatus, stationary waves can be observed in the oscillating air cylinder.
An audible sound is detected because the vibrating air volume is now larger than the volume excited by the tuning fork.
For a sound of given frequency, the tube length has to be a multiple of a quarter of the wavelength of the incoming wave, which is the shortest measure a standing wave can form.

Gravesande Ball and Ring

4200.10

Simple and effective piece of equipment for qualitative experiments

Altay's Ball and Ring.

Specifications

Length of the bar 130 mm – Length of the chain 100 mm

Equipment needed

Bunsen Burner (code 5511.00)

A concrete demonstration of the cubic thermal expansion of a solid. Ring and ball on chain with 2 wooden handles. The ball passes through the ring when cold but will not pass through after being heated.

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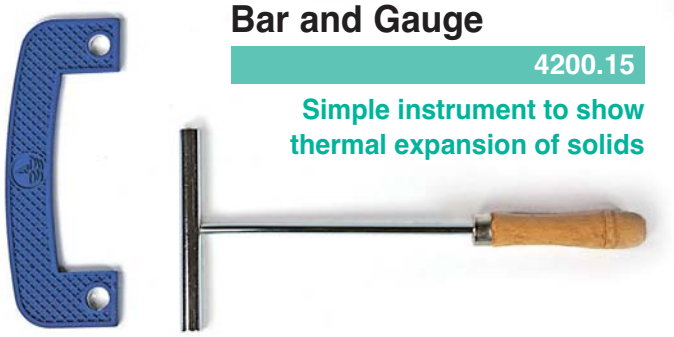
Laws and principles investigated

- Cubic thermal expansion of solids

Bar and Gauge

4200.15

Simple instrument to show thermal expansion of solids



Bar and Gauge.

Specifications

Steel bar: length 110 mm, diam. 12 mm
Rod with wooden handle: length 200 mm

Equipment needed

Bunsen Burner (code 5511.00)

For demonstration of solids expansion.
Steel bar on rod with wooden handle. U-shaped gauge, sliding fit over ends of bar, with holes 12 mm bore.

NEW

Laws and principles investigated

- Solid expansion

Thermal Expansion Bar

4200.18

Simple and effective piece of equipment to show thermal expansion

NEW

Altay's Thermal Expansion Bar.

Specifications

Plastic base: dimensions approx. 12 x12 cm

Equipment needed

Bunsen Burner (code 5511.00)

A model to demonstrate the change of diameter of a metal rod when heated including brass rod with insulated handle. Mounted on sturdy shock resistant plastic base.

Laws and principles investigated

- Thermal expansion

Components

- Brass Rod (with insulated handle) 4200.18-001
- Metal Plate with Base 4200.18-002

Pin Shearing Apparatus

4200.30

Simple instrument to show forces of thermal contraction

Laws and principles investigated

- Thermal expansion • Tensions due to expansion and contraction

Specifications

Dimensions: approx. 40 x 9 x 6 cm

Equipment needed

Cotton wool – Alcohol

This effective piece of equipment shows dramatically the forces of thermal contraction.
Constituted of a metal bar mounted on a sturdy metal base; the bar extends when heated and offers room to place the cast iron pin; the pin will break during cooling (i.e. contraction).
Equipped with a set of cast iron pins.

NEW

Altay's Pin Shearing Apparatus with cast iron bars.

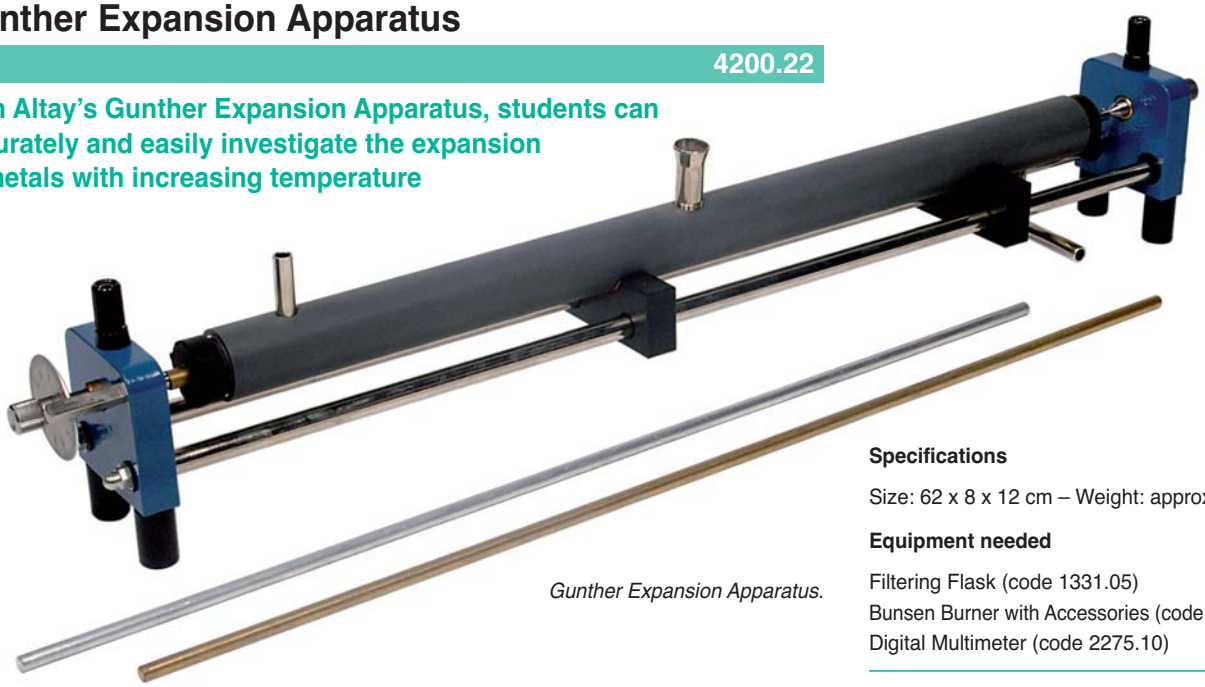
Components

- Metal Base 4200.30-001
- Metal Bar (with hole and screw) 4200.30-002
- Cast iron pins set 4200.30-003

Gunther Expansion Apparatus

4200.22

With Altay's Gunther Expansion Apparatus, students can accurately and easily investigate the expansion of metals with increasing temperature



Gunther Expansion Apparatus.

Specifications

Size: 62 x 8 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 2.2 kg

Equipment needed

Filtering Flask (code 1331.05)
Bunsen Burner with Accessories (code 5511.00)
Digital Multimeter (code 2275.10)

Components

- Gunther Apparatus 4200.22-001
- Metal Rods Set (Brass, Aluminium, Iron) 4200.22-002
- Thermometer (-10 to 110°C) 2240.15

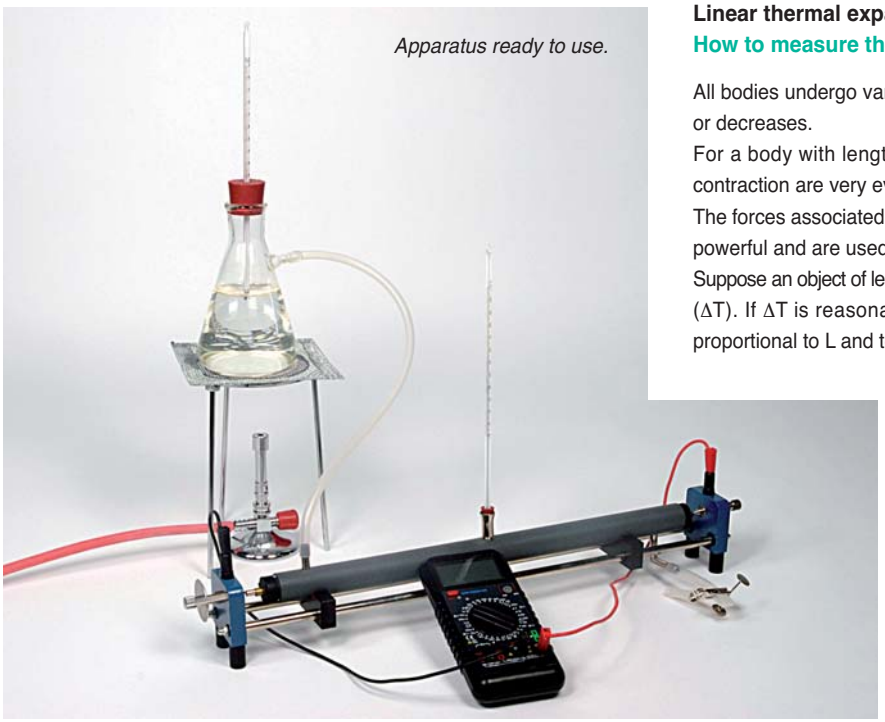
Laws and principles investigated

- Linear thermal expansion

This is an ideal apparatus for determinating the coefficient of the linear expansion of a solid.
The apparatus comprises of a double metal plastic jacket containing the rods which will be raised to a temperature of 100°C. A micrometer screw gauge is mounted at one end and will show any expansion of the rods.

We make temperature measurement simple, yet accurate.
We directly measure the temperature of each tube with a mercury thermometer.
A digital multimeter can be used together with the micrometer screw gauge.
Comes complete with one brass, one aluminium and one iron rod of length 50 cm approx, mounted in the double jacket.

Experiment



Apparatus ready to use.

Linear thermal expansion

How to measure the expansion of solids due to heat

All bodies undergo variations in volume when their temperature increases or decreases.
For a body with length much greater than its width, the expansion and contraction are very evident and dependent on the material of the body.
The forces associated with the thermal expansion and contraction are very powerful and are used widely in engineering and other applications.
Suppose an object of length (L) undergoes a temperature change of magnitude (ΔT). If ΔT is reasonably small the change in length, (ΔL), is generally proportional to L and to ΔT. Therefore we can say:

$$\Delta L = \alpha L \Delta T$$

Linear Thermal Expansion Law.

Where α is called the coefficient of linear expansion for the material.
For an isotropic material, α will be the same in all directions, so we can measure α simply by measuring the change in length of the material.
The values obtained for the coefficient of linear expansion will be compared with accepted values to determine the composition of each rod.

Compound Bar

4200.60

Simple instrument to study thermal expansion

NEW

Altay Compound Bar.

Specifications

Length 300 mm

Equipment needed

Bunsen Burner (code 5511.00)

Demonstrates how the unequal expansion of different metals may be used for practical applications (principle of bimetallic thermostats, switches, etc.).
With wooden handle.

Laws and principles investigated

• Expansion of solids • Functioning of thermostats

Bimetal Strip with Electric Contact

4200.80

Simple demonstrator for thermal expansion

Bimetal strip detail.

Specifications

Size: 10 x 10 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 150 g
Mounted on base, with electrical plugs for electric contacts

A simple device that shows how we can use two different metals joined together to produce a thermostat.
The apparatus consists of a bimetal strip that expands differently on both sides due to two different materials. Once heated, it will bend to one side as one of the metals will expand faster than the other.

Laws and principles investigated

• Thermal expansion
• Demonstraton model of thermostat

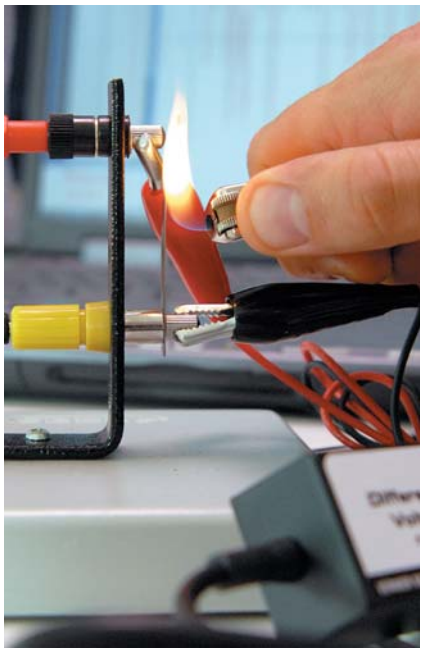
Experiment

Thermal expansion

Demonstration of a Bimetal Strip in action

Many of today's thermostats are based on the differential expansion of two different metals (brass and iron, for example), which was discovered in the 18th century.

Differential expansion causes the metals to change shape when heated. This metal bending can then be used to turn off a switch. With our Bimetal Strip it is possible to demonstrate this behaviour by just connecting a multimeter to the electric contacts.
Before it is heated, you will see that the Bimetal Strip will make a closed circuit. When it starts to heat up, the circuit will open as the Bimetal Strip will visibly bend way.
Once cooled, it will revert back to its original position, closing the circuit once more.



Bimetal strip in use.

Thermal Conductivity Apparatus

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Simple apparatus to show thermal expansions in introductory physics courses

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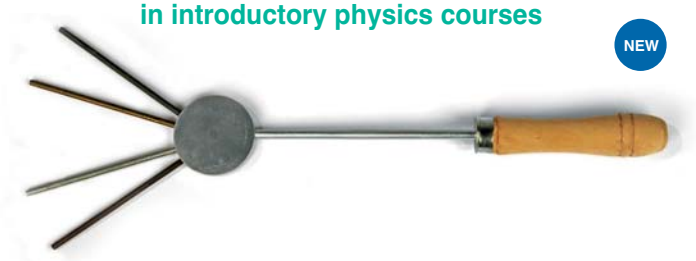

Altay Thermal Conductivity Apparatus.

Specifications

Total length:
approx. 35 cm

Equipment needed

Bunsen Burner (code 5511.00)

Demonstrates the different thermal conductivity of four different metal rods (brass, copper, aluminium, iron).
With wooden handle.

Laws and principles investigated

• Conductivity of different materials

Convection Apparatus

4210.91

Tubular chamber to visualize convection motions

Gentle heating one of the lower corners of the tube creates convection currents in the liquid.
The currents are demonstrated by the addition of a small amount of potassium permanganate crystals or food colorant.

NEW

Specifications

Dimensions: approx. 30 x 20 cm
External diameter 15 mm.
Heat resistant borosilicate glass

Equipment needed

Bunsen Burner (code 5511.00)
Food colorant or potassium permanganate crystals

Laws and principles investigated

• Convection

Altay Convection Apparatus.

Expansion of Liquids Apparatus

4210.32

Discover the relative coefficient of expansion of different liquids easily

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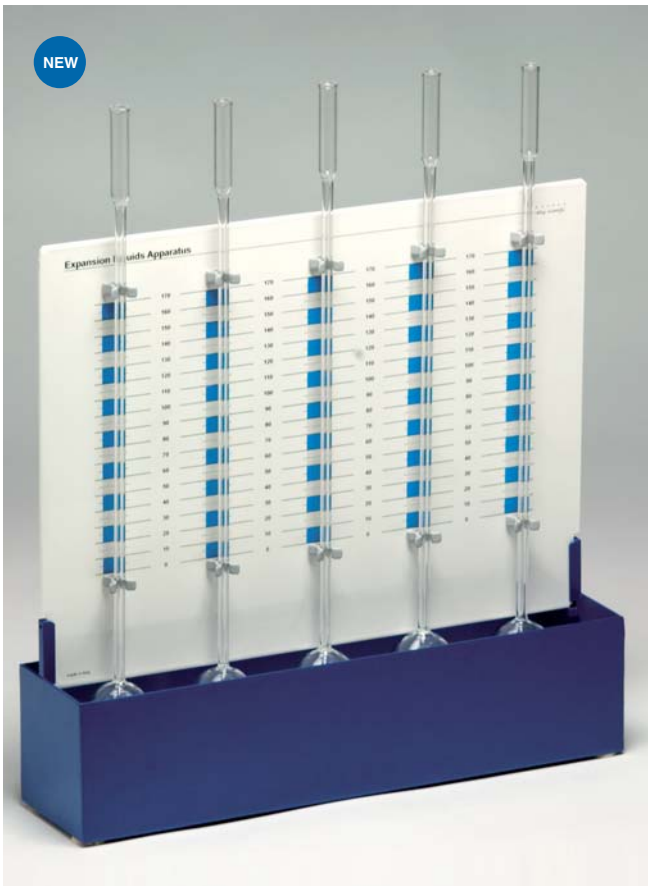

Specifications

Overall dimensions: approx. 38 x 9.5 x 36 cm

Equipment needed

Alcohol Thermometer -10°C ÷ 110°C (code 2245.15)
or Mercury Thermometer -10°C ÷ 110°C (code 2240.15)

Equipment suggested

Stainless Steel Temperature Probe (code 2314.20)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30)
or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

Altay's Expansion of Liquids Apparatus.

Illustrates the different expansion of liquids and allows for the determination of the relative coefficient of expansion.

Constituted of five glass bulbs with stem, total height 400 mm; mounted against a plastic stand, with 5 scales graduated in mm.
Complete with metal trough for the uniform and simultaneous heating of the 5 glass bulbs.

Components

• Stand with 5 Scales		W150A1
• Metal Trough		W149A1
• Glass Bulb with Stem	(5x)	DGL015
• Syringe		4180.17

Laws and principles investigated

• Expansion of liquids (relative expansion) • Coefficient of expansion

Hope's Apparatus

4210.10

Hope's Apparatus is the simplest way to verify maximum water density at 4°C.

NEW

Specifications

Height approx: 30 cm

Equipment needed

Alcohol Thermometer -10°C ÷ 110°C (code 2245.15)
or Mercury Thermometer -10°C ÷ 110°C (code 2240.15)

Equipment suggested

Stainless Steel Temperature Probe (code 2314.20) (2x or 3x)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30)
or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

The solid form of most substances is more dense than the liquid phase. But water plays an exception and with this apparatus you can determine the temperature at which water attains its maximum density.

Requires two thermometers for measurement of the temperature of the water, and eventually a third thermometer for the measurement of the temperature of the refrigerant mixture. Thermometers are not supplied.

Altay Hope's Apparatus to study anomaly of water density.

Laws and principles investigated

- Determination of water maximum density at 4°C
- Determination of sea water density maximum at 2°C

Mixing Calorimeter

4230.60

Ideal apparatus for simple experiments in thermodynamics

Mixing Calorimeter.

The Mixing Calorimeter is used for the study of heat characteristics of masses. The apparatus has been insulated from the surrounding environment with a felt cover in order to perform experiments in a state of thermal equilibrium.

Components

• Copper Calorimeter	4230.60-001
• Lid with Stirrer	4230.60-002
• Thermometer (-10 ÷ 110°C)	2240.15

Laws and principles investigated

- Determination of the water equivalent of a mixing calorimeter
- Specific heat of bodies
- Time constant of a thermometer

Experiment

Thermodynamics of equilibrium

How to determine the specific heat of a body

A heat quantity is lost or gained by a material when in contact with another body of a different temperature.
Specific heat in general depends on temperature.

Estimating the specific heat of aluminium.

Specifications

Size: 12 x 20 cm (dia. x height)
Weight: approx. 250 g

Joule's Law Unit for Calorimeter

4230.65

Joule's Law: electricity and thermodynamics

Joule's Law Unit for Calorimeter.

Specifications

Specifically developed for our Mixing Calorimeter – Resistances: 1, 2, 3 Ω
4 mm jacks for power supply

Equipment needed

Mixing Calorimeter (code 4230.60)
Regulated DC Power Supply Unit (code 2409.20)

The Joule's Law Unit for Calorimeter is used to demonstrate the thermal effect of currents and the specific heat of a fluid. Add this attachment to the Altay Calorimeter to perform experiments involving electricity and thermal energy.

Laws and principles investigated

- Joule's Law
- Time dependence of the heat quantity generated in the spiral
- Resistance's value dependence of the heat quantity generated in the spiral
- Current intensity value dependence of the heat quantity generated in the spiral

Joule's Law Unit setup with the Calorimeter.

Experiment

Joule's Law · **How to convert electrical energy to heat**

Joule's Law describes how the amount of heat per second (Q) that develops in a wire carrying a current (I) is proportional to the electrical resistance of the wire (R) and the square of the current. The heat evolved per second is equivalent to the electric power absorbed, or the power loss. With this apparatus you can determine the relationship between calories and joules.

$$Q = I^2 Rt$$

Joule's Law.

Mechanical Equivalent of Heat Apparatus

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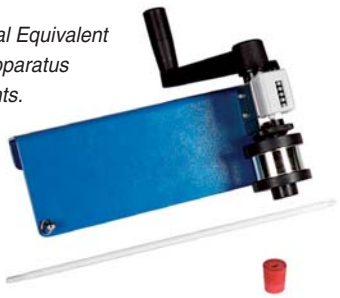
Joule's most important experiment, converting mechanical work to thermal energy



Mechanical Equivalent of Heat Apparatus components.

Specifications

Size: 26 x 22 x 20 cm – Inclusive of clamp for table mounting

The apparatus is a simple and accurate demonstration of how to turn mechanical energy into heat. Using the rotation-counter and a falling mass it is possible, using a thermometer, to calculate the mechanical effect of friction and the increase in temperature of the calorimeter.

Mechanical Equivalent of Heat Apparatus in use.

Components

• Base	4235.10-001
• Pin with cord and spring	4235.10-002
• Weight (5 Kg)	4235.10-003
• Thermometer (-10 ÷ 110°C)	2240.15

Laws and principles investigated

- Conversion factor between joules and calories

Experiment

Converting joules into calories

Experimental determination of the conversion factor between joules and calories

The apparatus is quick and easy to set up and will give an excellent approximation of the work done by a falling mass and the produced energy. We can compare the difference in temperature and the mass of water with the number of turns of the calorimeter and the mass of the hanging weight. The ratio term between the work performed and the thermal energy produced and transmitted to the cylinder determines the mechanical equivalent of heat.

Stroboscope

2238.10

Specifications

Size: 20 x 12 x 14 cm – Frequency range: 1 ÷ 300 Hz – External input for trigger

Light from a timing source

Altay's Stroboscope.

Stroboscope with frequency selector.

A Stroboscope is a pulsed lamp which is used to observe rapidly moving phenomena, such a vibrating string or waves in a Ripple Tank.
If the frequency of "flashes" from the Stroboscope matches the frequency of the object being observed, it causes the eye to see the image as having been frozen at that matched frequency.
Hence, useful measurements can be made and observations made easy.

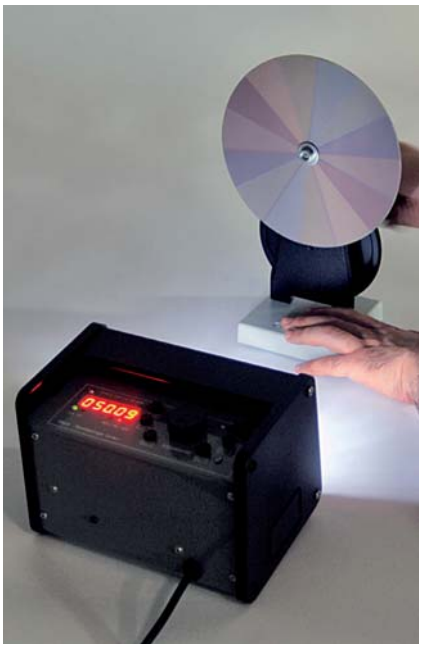
Laws and principles investigated

• Frequency determination in various contexts

Experiment

Slow down motion
Decomposition of colours

Make the Newton's Disk rotate and note that the colours merge and fuse to white.
Now direct the strobo light towards the Newton's Disk and observe that at a certain frequency of flashing, the Newton's Disk appears still and the colours do not change.



Strobo light over the Newton's Disk.

Crooke's Radiometer

4215.20

Specifications

Size: 10 x 15 cm (dia. x height) – Weight: approx. 250 g – Mounted on base

Investigating the energy and impulse of an electromagnetic wave

Altay's Crooke's Radiometer.

Invented by Sir William Crooke, the vanes in the highly effective radiometer rotate when exposed to solar radiation.
The cause for this rotation can open up much debate for which students should be encouraged to develop their own explanations.
Some will state that the device relies upon the difference in absorption of impulse between the black and metal vanes.
Others may think there is a difference in temperature of the vanes.
This device has been designed with black vanes that absorb electromagnetic radiation and reflective metal vanes. Students need also remember that black painted sides getwarmer than metallic ones.

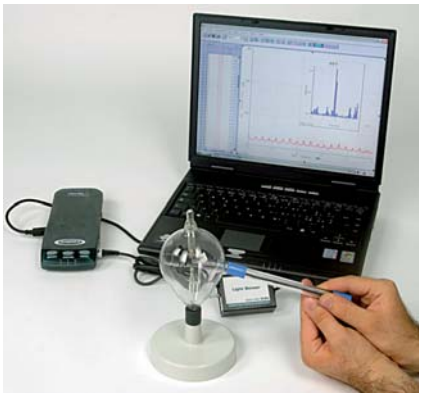
Laws and principles investigated

• Energy conversion

Experiment

Black body • **Heating up the vanes**

The correct solution of the puzzle concerns heat considerations. We know that the black surface is warmer than the shiny one and that gas molecules will recoil faster from a hot surface.
The slight difference in molecule recoil is what causes the device to spin.
The other proposal involving photon absorption by the black vane and reflection by the metal side is physically correct, but negligible with respect to the main effect described above.
With a light sensor, it is also possible to measure the frequency of rotation and calculate the angular speed of the radiometer.



Investigate light reflection using a light sensor.

Optical Bench Deluxe Edition

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A complete set for exploring geometrical optics

The Altay's Optical Bench Deluxe Edition allows the student to investigate a wide variety of optical phenomena. These include: reflection, lens theory, polarization, interference, diffraction and optical instruments.

Specifications

Optical Bench: length 116 cm

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Optical Bench with Accessories Deluxe Edition.

Components

• Optical bench		4417.50-001
• Slider for holders	(6x)	W108A1
• Slider for projector		W107A1
• Slides and diaphragm holders	(2x)	4414.03
• Set of 7 diaphragms		4414.12
• Iris diaphragm		4418.13
• Adjustable slit diaphragm		4418.15
• Projector		4414.18
• Transformer 12 V 2.5 A		2403.14
• Lamp Holder Single		4418.19
• Lamp Holder Quadruple		4418.20
• Equilateral Prism		4450.14
• Right-angle prism (90°, 45°, 45°)		4450.21
• Right angle prism (90°, 60°, 30°)		4450.32
• Prism table		4418.29
• Translucent screen		4418.31
• Two colour metal screen		4418.34
• Plane mirror on mount		4430.05
• Double-sided concave-convex mirror		4430.10
• Grease spot photometer		4423.00
• Pair of polaroid filters		4453.90
• Biconvex lens f = 50 mm		4448.01
• Biconvex lens f = 100 mm		4448.02
• Biconvex lens f = 150 mm		4448.03
• Biconvex lens f = 200 mm		4448.04

Optical Bench with supports and holders.

Iris diaphragm, adjustable slit diaphragm and mirror.

• Biconvex lens f = 300 mm	4448.06
• Biconvex lens f = 500 mm	4448.07
• Biconcave lens f = 50 mm	4449.01
• Biconcave lens f = 100 mm	4449.02
• Biconcave lens f = 150 mm	4449.03
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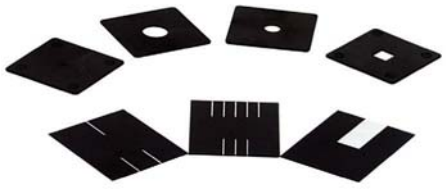
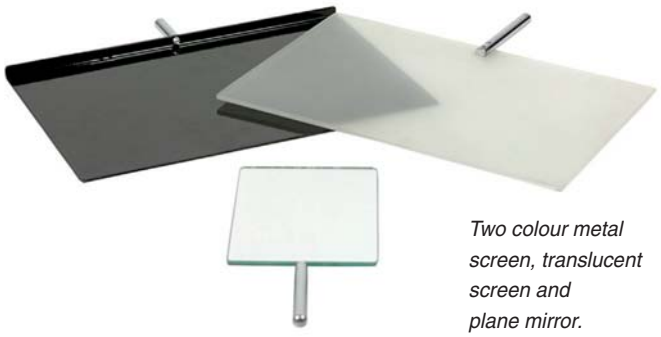
• Biconcave lens f = 500 mm	4449.07



Set of diaphragms.

Projector with transformer, cables and lamp holders.



Two colour metal screen, translucent screen and plane mirror.

Laws and principles investigated

- Concave and convex mirror • Convergent and divergent lens
- Focal length • Gauss approximation
- The eye, hyperopic and myopic eye • Inverse square law
- Lens power • Luminous intensity • Magnifier and magnifying power
- Photometry • Prism • Ray tracing
- Refraction index • System of lenses • The compound microscope
- The telescope • Thin lens equation
- Principles of biconcave, biconvex lenses and mirrors
- Determine the focal length of a lens • Inverse square law of light
- Rotation of light • Grease spot photometer • Polarization

Lenses with lens holders.

Experiment

Polarization of light · **Discover the principle of sunglasses**

In electrodynamics, polarization is the property of electromagnetic waves such as light, which describes the direction of their transverse electric field. More generally, the polarization of a transverse wave describes the direction of oscillation in the plane perpendicular to the direction of travel.
A polarizing filter, such as a pair of polarizing sunglasses, can be used to observe this by rotating the filter while looking through. At certain angles, the reflected light will be reduced or eliminated. Polarizing filters remove light polarized at 90° to the filter's polarization axis.
If two polarizers are placed atop one another at 90° angles to one another, no light passes through.

Polarization experiment setup.

Optical Bench Standard Edition

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A simple and affordable way to begin exploring optics

The Optical Bench Standard Edition is the most easy and complete way to begin the exploration of the optics. Simple, complete and affordable.

Optical bench Standard Edition.

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Specifications

Optical Bench: length 116 cm

Components

• Optical bench		4417.50-001
• Slider for holders	(6x)	W108A1
• Slider for projector		W107A1
• Slides and diaphragm holders	(2x)	4414.03
• Set of 7 diaphragms		4414.12
• Projector		4414.18
• Transformer 12 V 2.5 A		2403.14
• Lamp Holder Single		4418.19
• Lamp Holder Quadruple		4418.20
• Equilateral Prism		4450.14
• Prism table		4418.29
• Two colour metal screen		4418.34
• Set of colour Filters		4453.10
• Halogen Lamp (spare)	(2x)	4414.19
• Joly Photometer		4422.01
• Holder for Lenses and Mirrors	(4x)	4414.02
• Set of 4 Biconvex Spherical Lenses		4445.00
• Set of 4 Biconcave Spherical Lenses		4441.00
• Set of 4 Convex Spherical Mirrors		4435.00
• Set of 4 Convex Spherical Mirrors		4431.00

Projector, lamp holders and supports.

Slits, coloured screens, holders, prism table.

Lens and mirror with holders.

Laws and principles investigated

• Concave and convex mirror • Convergent and divergent lens
• Focal length • Gauss approximation
• The eye, hyperopic and myopic eye • Inverse square law
• Joly photometer • Lens power • Luminous intensity
• Magnifier and magnifying power • Photometry • Prism
• Refraction index • System of lenses • The compound microscope
• The telescope • Thin lens equation
• Principles of Bi-concave, bi-convex lenses and mirrors
• Determine the focal length of a lens

Experiment

Prism • **Separate white light into its different components**

A prism is a wedge-shaped transparent body which causes incident light to be separated into its constituent colours when it exits the prism.
The separation by colour occurs because different colours (corresponding to different wavelengths) of light travel at different speeds in the prism (although they travel at the same speed, namely the speed of light, in a vacuum).
As a result, refraction causes the wavefronts of different wavelengths to be deflected by different angular amounts. Since "white" light is really a superposition of many different wavelengths, the prism therefore has the effect of angularly separating the incident light by colour.

Spectrum of white light.

Newton's Disk

4453.22

The human perception of colours

Newton's Disk.

Laws and principles investigated

• Colour mixing • Human perception of colours

Specifications

Size: 20 x 30 x 12 cm – Weight: approx. 1 kg – Mounted on base

The Newton's Disk consists of an aluminium platform with coloured segments printed on it. The colours represent the primary colours of the spectrum (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet).
When the disk is rotated, the colours blur together and the eye, unable to respond rapidly enough, sees the colours mixed together to form white.
Since the eye is more sensitive to colours in the middle of the visible spectrum, the wedges with yellow and green often become narrower, while those for red and violet become wider. When the disk is rotated, the colours fuse together resulting in the effect of "white light".

Experiment

Colour mixing • **By rotating the disk all colours mix together becoming white**

Using the handle on the back of the apparatus, the disk is soon set in motion.
Observe how the eye, from a certain speed, can no longer follow the rotation of a particular coloured section but rather it sees a fusion of the various colours on the disk.
As the rotation frequency increases, the edges of the sections begin to blur and the colours start to mix.

Rotating disk at low speed.

Newton's Disk turns white at a higher rotation.

Spectrometer

4455.02

Studying the spectral lines of a light source

Specifications

Size: 44 x 30 x 30 cm in wooden box – Weight: approx. 12 kg

Equipment needed

Spectrum Tubes Holder (code 4470.50)
Regulated 5 kV Power Supply Unit (code 2407.01)
Prism (code 4450.14) – Diffraction Grating 600 Lines

Gas tubes

Helium (code 4470.10) – Neon (code 4470.11) – Argon (code 4470.12)
Mercury (code 4470.13) – Hydrogen (code 4470.14) – Oxygen (code 4470.15)
Nitrogen (code 4470.16) – Carbon Dioxide (code 4470.17)

The Spectrometer is used to study the spectral lines of a light source. Altay's Spectrometer allows you to detect the spectral lines with precision and to measure the corresponding wavelength.
Easy to use and robust, this instrument is particularly suitable for classrooms.

Altay's Spectrometer with accessories.

Laws and principles investigated

• Dispersion of light from a prism • Diffraction of light from a diffraction grating
• Measurement of a dispersion power of a prism • Refraction index of a prism
• Measurement of the diffraction power of a grating • Visualizing atomic spectra for different kind of lamps
• Light emission by excitation of electrons • Measurement of the wavelength of the spectral lines
• Quantum energy levels • Intensity of a spectral line

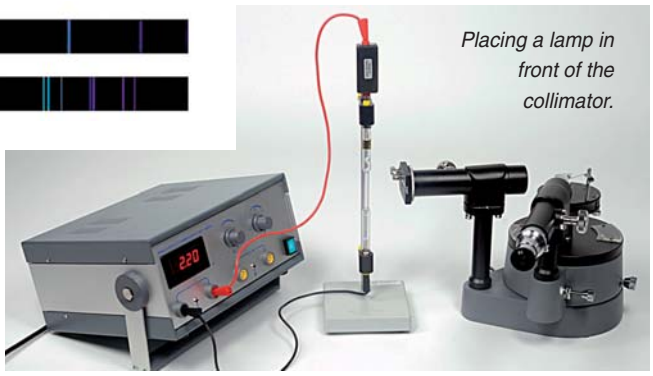
Experiment

Spectral Lines

Measuring the wavelength of the hydrogen spectra

The spectrometer is an ideal instrument for analysing the spectral lines of a light source. In order to perform the experiment, set the position of the sodium lamp so that the collimator is properly aligned.
The diffraction grating is then placed in its holder, allowing you to observe the spectral lines of sodium. The full spectra can be seen by rotating the telescope. By knowing the diffraction angle, we can then work out the wavelength of the light.

Hydrogen and Helium emission spectra.



Placing a lamp in front of the collimator.

Handheld Spectrometer

4455.30

A simple and affordable way to begin studying the spectral lines

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Altay's Handheld Spectrometer.

Specifications

Size: approx 28 x 22 cm
Weight: approx 100 g

Equipment needed

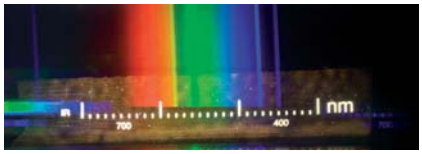
Spectrum Tubes Holder (code 4470.50) with one or more Gas Tubes
Regulated 5 kV Power Supply Unit (code 2407.01)

Altay Handheld Spectrometer is the best solution to begin studying the spectral lines of a light source. With this instrument every single student could explore spectrometry by his own. Altay's Handheld Spectrometer allows to detect the spectral lines with precision.

Handheld Spectrometer at work.

Laws and principles investigated

- Visualizing atomic spectra for different kind of lamps
- Light emission by excitation of electrons



Spectrum Tubes

4470.10 - 50

Excitation of the gas in the tube produces light

Hydrogen Spectrum Tube on Spectrum Tubes Holder.

Specifications

All items are sold separately
Spectrum Tubes Holder with Ballast Resistance (code 4470.50)
Size: 12 x 12 x 36 cm – Weight: approx. 260 g

Equipment needed

Regulated 5 kV Power Supply Unit (code 2407.01)

Gas tubes

Size: 1 x 10 x 23 cm – Weight: approx. 20 g

Helium (code 4470.10) – Neon (code 4470.11)
Argon (code 4470.12) – Mercury (code 4470.13)
Hydrogen (code 4470.14) – Oxygen (code 4470.15)
Nitrogen (code 4470.16)
Carbon Dioxide (code 4470.17)

**Spectrum Tubes are an effective tool to teach the effect of gas excitation and visible light emission. Our Spectrum Tubes can also be used together with the Spectrometer (code 4455.02) to analyse the spectra of gases in the different tubes.
Spectrum Tubes can easily be mounted on our Tube Holder that protect them against accidental shocks. Tubes of different gas types are available. Altay designed to be capillary thin at their centre point to produce a sharp and bright spectra.**

Laws and principles investigated

- Light from excited energy levels
- Monochromatic light

Experiment

Monochromatic light emission · **The principle behind neon lamps**

A Hydrogen vapour lamp is a gas discharge lamp which uses the excitation of the atoms to produce light. Very high voltage between the anode and cathode plates causes the hydrogen atoms to move to an excited state. When the atom reverts to its stable condition, a definite quanta of light is emitted. This observed spectral line is the energy associated with the first energy level state of the atom and its normal fundamental state.

Hydrogen light emission detail.

Wimshurst Machine

4622.20

One of the classic electrostatic generator experiment

Specifications

Size: 40 x 24 x 43 cm – Weight: approx. 4.4 kg

The Wimshurst Machine is an electrical generator with a distinctive appearance. With its two large contra-rotating disks mounted in a vertical plane and a spark gap within two metal spheres, the Wimshurst Machine is a historical electrostatic machine used for generating high voltages. Constructed according to the classical model, this generator is safe to use and robustly built. Structural elements are in cast metal, with all insulating components constructed from high dielectric strength plastic. Particular attention has been paid to the collection combs and supports so as to prevent damage to the radial aluminium strips.

The Wimshurst Machine ready to run.

Laws and principles investigated

• Electrostatic charge • Electrical sparks

Wimshurst Machine at work.

Experiment

Electrical sparks • **How to generate high potential differences between conductors**

High voltages break down air and produce a spark. The dielectric strength of air is 10.000 volts/cm; when this is exceeded we can create sparks of lightning.

The generator simply requires mechanical power to run the disks. The output is a constant current and the spark energy can be increased by adding a Leyden jar.

Van de Graaff Generator

4623.20

Get excited with the Van de Graaff Generator

Van de Graaff components.

Specifications

Size: 30 x 20 x 77 cm – Weight: approx. 4.4 kg

The Van de Graaff Generator is considered an important and powerful apparatus to perform electricity experiments. Its great appeal and dramaticity attracts students into the amazing world of physics. Historically developed to accelerate particles in high energy physics experiments, our Van de Graaff Generator has been redesigned to perform demonstrations and experiments in schools.

Laws and principles investigated

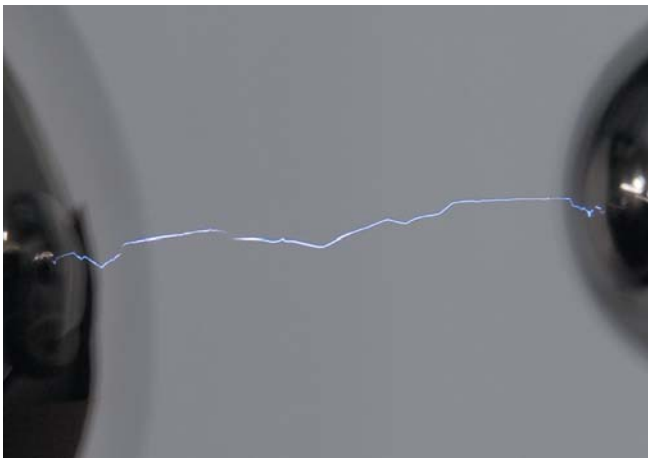
• Potential difference • Electrostatic repulsion and attraction
• Dielectric strength • Point effect

Experiment

Breakdown field strength

Visualise the electric spark when the electric current flows through a dielectric

The Van de Graaff Generator uses a belt to strip electrons from the base to the metal head of the system. This transfer of charges creates a potential difference between the base and the head.
The static electricity produced with Van de Graaff Generator is used to empirically study the effects of charges on metals and dielectrics.
The finite dielectric strength of air allows the production of an electric spark through the gas, showing the outstanding phenomena resembling a thunderbolt. The dielectric strength air is roughly 10,000 volts/cm, which means that the spark shown in the picture reveals a potential difference of at least 50,000 volts.



Detail of the spark of several thousands volts.

Students having fun learning electricity with the Van de Graaff device.

Pith Ball Electroscope

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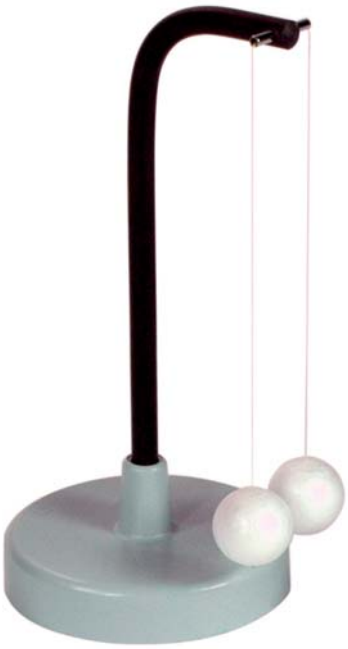
High impact electrostatic force experiment



Pith Ball Electroscope in detail.

Specifications

Size: 11 x 13 x 26 cm – Weight: approx. 100 g

The Pith Ball Electroscope is a simple instrument for demonstrating electrostatic force. With some simple rods of different materials such as perspex, PVC or glass and a piece wool or silk surface, you can charge one of the spheres in the electroscope. After, the spheres will have different charges and will repel each other.

Laws and principles investigated

• Electrostatic charge • Electrical sparks

Experiment

Electrostatic force of repulsion

Charging the spheres

By rubbing a PVC rod on a wool surface it is possible to charge the rod by friction.
If you place the rod near one of the spheres it will be electrified by induction; touching it with the rod you will charge the sphere by conduction.
It is therefore possible to charge the electroscope positively or negatively depending on the electrifying properties of the rod.

Charging the electroscope by conduction.

Leaf Electroscope

4625.50

A classical instrument for measure static charges

Altay's Leaf Electroscope.

Specifications

Size: 20 x 15 x 20 cm – Weight: approx. 1 kg – Mounted on base

Simple and functional, Altay's Leaf Electroscope allows us to measure the amount of excessive electric charges of one sign over the other.
Place a dielectric material to induce or bank charges on top of the electroscope box and observe a permanent or temporary displacement of the thin metallic leaf from the vertical metal rod.
If you introduce a charge on the metal cap of the electroscope, you will see the displacement of the leaf.

Laws and principles investigated

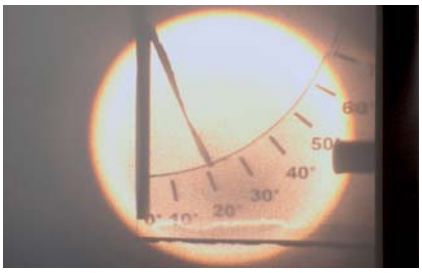
• Electrostatic charge measure

Experiment

Electrostatics

Detect the excess of charges of one sign

When electrons are removed or added on the metal top, the excess of charges spread over the whole metal surface, producing an electrostatic repulsion between the leaf and the vertical rod.



Leaf detail with back lighting.

Aepinus Air Condenser

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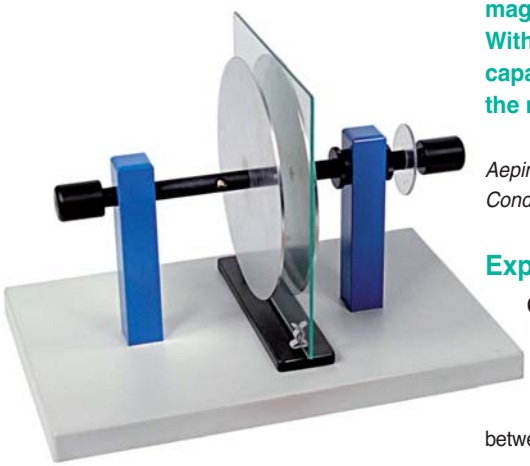
A demonstration model of a condenser



Aepinus Air Condenser.

Specifications

Size: 34 x 20 x 25 cm – Weight: approx. 3 kg

A condenser is a device that allows the storage of energy in the electric field created between a pair of conductors on which electric charges of equal magnitude, but opposite sign, have been placed.
With our Aepinus Air Condenser, it is possible to show the dependence on capacity of a parallel plate condenser and the distance between the plates and the nature of the medium between them.

Laws and principles investigated

• Plane face condenser • Dielectric effect

Experiment

Condenser principles • **Verify the law of capacitors**

In order to verify the laws governing charge and potential in the two condensers, the first step is to charge one of the discs. With a differential voltage sensor, it is possible to acquire data on the computer and verify the dependence of the potential difference on the distance between the two disks. The plates can be manually adjusted by means of a micrometer screw gauge.

A set of three dielectric plates of bakelite, glass and wood is supplied in order to verify the dependence of capacity on the medium between the two disks.

Students charging the condenser.

Various Magnets

Different shape magnets for a wide number of magnetism experiments

In physics, magnetism is one of the phenomena by which materials exert an attractive or repulsive force on other materials.
Some well known materials that easily exhibit detectable magnetic properties are iron, some steels and the mineral lodestone; however, all materials are influenced to a greater or lesser degree by the presence of a magnetic field.
Altay offers a wide variety of permanent magnets.

Specifications

All items can be bought separately

Laws and principles investigated

• Magnetic poles • Magnetic field • Lines of force

Cylindrical Magnets

4611.18

Cylindrical magnets, supplied in pairs.

Specifications
Material: ALNICO
Size: 0.8 x 2.5 cm (dia. x length)

Chrome Steel Bar Magnets

4611.50

Painted in two colours for North and South, with keeper. Supplied by pair, in plastic case.

Specifications
Size: 5 x 1 x 0.5 cm

U-Shaped Magnet

4611.71

Strongly magnetized, with keeper.

Specifications
Size: 6 x 5 x 2.5 cm

Horseshoe Magnet

4611.81

With keeper, painted red.

Specifications
Material: ALNICO – Size: 3 x 3 x 1 cm

Neodymium-Iron-Boron Magnet

4611.86

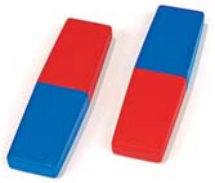
Face-polarised disc shaped magnets.
May be used for many magnetic demonstrations where intense field strength is an important criterion. Protected against corrosion and can be used up to 80 °C; are not suitable in situations involving impact or significant vibration.

Specifications
Material: NdFeB – Size: 2.5 x 0.5 cm (dia. x height)

Plastic Cased Bar Magnets

4611.40

Ideal for demonstrating attraction and repulsion. Supplied in pairs, with different colours for North and South.



Specifications
Size: 8 x 2.2 x 1 cm

Bar Magnets

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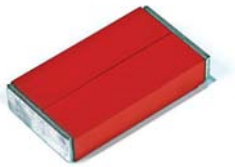
Red in colour, with north pole marked with dimple. Boxed in pairs with keepers.



Specifications
Material: ALNICO
Size: 5 x 1.5 x 1 cm (code 4611.65)

Horseshoe Flat Magnet

4611.72

Painted, with keeper, in plastic case.

Specifications
Material: chrome steel
Size: 10 x 5 x 0.5 cm

Ring Magnet

4612.03

Anular magnets with face poles.

Specifications
Size: 2.4 x 0.7 x 0.5 cm

Ferrite Magnet

4612.09

Magnetised through thickness.

Specifications
Size: 5 x 1.9 x 0.6 cm

Magnetic Needle on Stand

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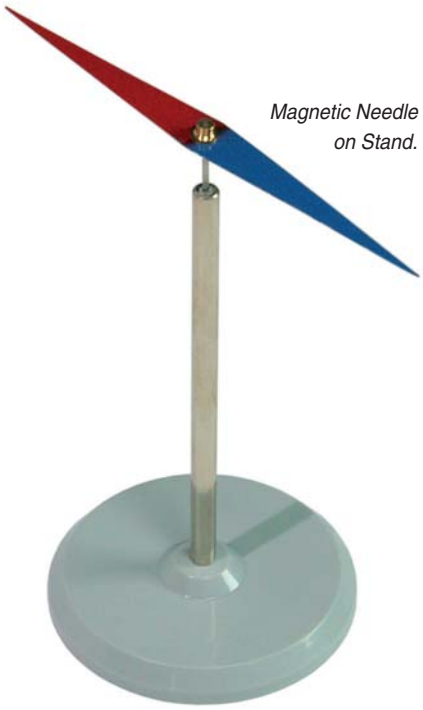
A simple magnetic needle compass

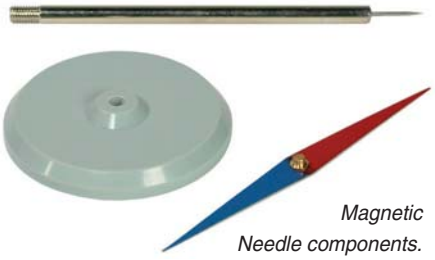


Magnetic Needle on Stand.

Specifications

Needle: 10 cm length – Support rod: 11 cm length – Mounted on base: 6 cm dia.

Our Magnetic Needle provides a simple demonstration model of how a compass works. It is simply constructed with a magnetic needle finely balanced on a needle on top of a supporting stand. The pointer is alternately coloured in red and blue, allowing the user to easily identify the direction of North and South Poles.



Magnetic Needle components.

Laws and principles investigated

• Earth magnetic field • North and cardinal points

Experiment

The North · **To determine the position of cardinal points**

The compass was developed in China in the 4th century and it was mainly used as a navigational instrument to find a travellers' direction on the Earth:
"The navigator knows the geography, he watches the stars at night, watches the sun at day; when it is dark and cloudy, he watches the compass." (Pingzhou Ke Tan, Zhu Yu).

World map in: "Tabulae Rudolphinae: quibus astronomicae..." by Johannes Kepler.

The simplest compass consists of a magnetised pointer that aligns itself accurately with Earth's magnetic field.
In our Magnetic Needle, you will find a simple compass useful to determine the position of the cardinal points of every location.
The red side points to North (0°), the blue to South (180°). Earth's rotation defines the orientation of East (90°) and West (270°).

Demonstration Compass

4614.50

Study the cardinal points with a compass

Demonstration Compass.

Specifications

Size: 16 x 3 cm (dia. x height) – Magnetic needle: 10 cm length

**Our Demonstration Compass consists of a simple magnetic needle on a compass map.
Our compass makes it extremely easy to demonstrate the cardinal points of a compass and determine all their directions.**

Demonstration Compass unmounted.

Laws and principles investigated

- Investigating Earth's magnetic field
- What are the cardinal points?
- The compass point and winds direction experiments

Experiment

The cardinal points · **How to read the compass**

A compass or "wind rose" is a figure that displays the orientation of the cardinal directions: North, South, East and West on a map or nautical chart. Today the use of a compass rose is used in almost all navigational systems, including nautical charts, NDB and VOR systems and in some GPS systems.
Placing our Demonstration Compass on a table the magnetic needle orientates itself with Earth's magnetic field.
The red part of the needle points to North; this way all other cardinal points are immediately defined.

Compass rose example.

Circular Coil

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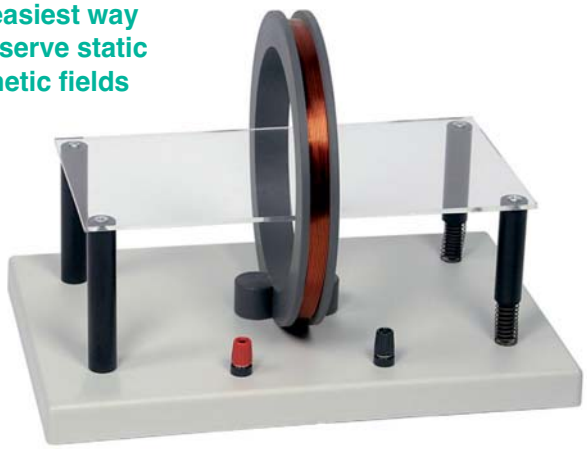
The easiest way to observe static magnetic fields



Circular Coil.

Specifications

Size: 30 x 20 x 20 cm – Weight: approx. 1.2 kg

This equipment has been developed for students' demonstrations on static magnetic fields generated by a constant flowing current.
The evident results can be visualised by the more classical iron filings' disposition along the magnetic lines of a force or with a magnetic field sensor and a datalogger.

Laws and principles investigated

- Magnetic field by electric current

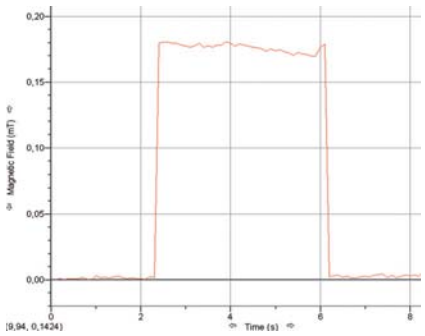
Teacher demonstrating how the Circular Coil works.

Experiment

Magnetic fields generated by currents
A Circular Coil with a constant current passing through it generates a static magnetic field

Connecting the Circular Coil to a power supply and allowing current to flow, a low magnetic field starts to appear in the vicinity of the coil. With a datalogger and a magnetic field sensor it is possible to measure even a slight magnetic force.

Magnetic field data acquisition.



If the power supply is able to produce more current (up to 10 A), the iron filings will start to align on the magnetic field lines.

U-Shaped Electromagnet

4652.10

Magnetic and electric fields

Altay's U-Shaped Electromagnet.

Laws and principles investigated

- Magnetic effect of a flowing current
- Magnetic strength and its dependence on the intensity of the electric current
- Magnetic lines of force

Specifications

Size: 10 x 12 x 4 cm – Weight: approx. 350 g
Resistance: approx. 30 Ω – Impedance at 50 Hz: approx. 50 Ω without keeper

Equipment needed

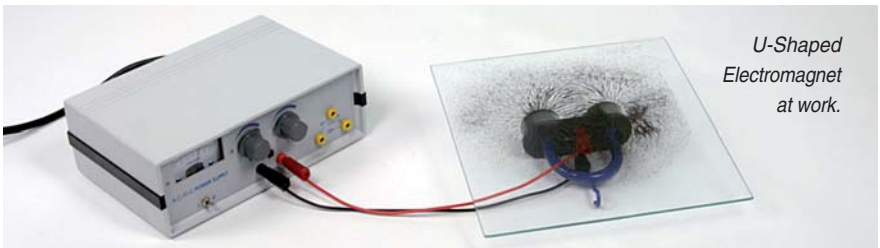
Regulated DC Power Supply Unit (code 2409.20) – Iron Filings (code 4612.12)

Specifically designed to perform experiments of electromagnetism, Altay's U-Shaped Electromagnet encourages students to learn the relationship between electricity and magnetism.

Experiment

Electricity and magnetic fields · Visualize the magnetic lines of force

The electromagnet is used in many electric devices such as: electric bells, relays, circuit breakers, loudspeakers and microphones. Strong magnetic fields can be achieved by coiling a wire around a piece of soft iron. The soft iron becomes a magnet itself when the current begins to flow, and makes the magnetic field stronger.



U-Shaped Electromagnet at work.

Gimbals Magnetic Field Sensor

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The simplest way to explore magnetic fields

NEW

Altay's Gimbals Magnetic Field Sensor.

Laws and principles investigated

- Detection of lines of magnetic field like earth magnetic field, permanent magnets magnetic fields etc.

Altay Gimbals Magnetic Field Sensor is an effective piece of equipment for pupils' first approach to magnetism. The gimbals magnetic field sensor is useful to demonstrate the 3-D nature of magnetic fields.
The probe features a gimbals-mounted magnet which is free to move in space.

As the gimbals magnetic field sensor is brought near a magnetic field, the magnet aligns itself with the field.
Investigations of various geometries of magnets or magnetic fields are quick and easy.

Specifications

Available from July 2008 – Dimensions: approx. 15 cm

Example of use of the Gimbals Magnetic Field Sensor.

Induction Coils

4640.75

Induction coils are essential laboratory equipment for a wide range of electromagnetism experiments.

NEW

Specifications

Available from July 2008
Coil 180 Turns: wire length 15 m, wire diam. 0,5 mm, turns 180
Coil 1600 Turns: wire length 300 m, wire diam. 0,25 mm, turns 1600

Equipment suggested

Current probe (code 2313.20)
LabPro (code 2300.10) or LabQuest (code 2300.30) or Go!Link (code 2320.30)
Chrome Steel Bar Magnets (code 4611.50) – Low Tension Power Supply Unit (code 2407.01)

Equipment needed

4 mm safety connecting leads (2x)

Altay Induction Coils are a simple and versatile piece of equipment for the study of electromagnetism, magnetic induction and generation of static and dynamic magnetic fields.
Suggested for all physics introductory laboratory courses.

Altay Induction Coils.

Components

• Coil 180 Turns	4640.75-001
• Coil 1600 Turns	4640.75-002

Laws and principles investigated

• Magnetic induction • Inductance

Waltenhofen's Pendulum

4640.80

Altay Waltenhofen's Pendulum recalls the historical instrument for the study of Foucault's currents.

This piece of equipment was designed by Adalbert Carl von Waltenhofen (1828-1914) for the study of Foucault's currents.

Laws and principles investigated

- Foucault's (or Eddy) currents
- Faraday-Neumann-Lenz's law

NEW

Altay Waltenhofen's Pendulum.

Specifications

Available from July 2008
Dimensions: approx. 30 x 15 x 10 cm

It is constituted of a plate of a diamagnetic material free to oscillate between the polar expansions of an electromagnet. Oscillations are slightly damped when the electromagnet is off and dramatically damped when the electromagnet is turned on. Damping is due to currents induced in the plate (Foucault currents or Eddy currents) and to their verse that opposes to the variation of magnetic flux through the plate. Substituting the solid disc with a brush disc, we see that the damping decreases because the eddy currents are no more enabled to flow.

Rotating Coil

4640.60

Rotating Coil is an interesting device to study Faraday-Neumann-Lenz's law.

NEW

Altay's Rotating coil.

The Rotating Coil in standing position

This apparatus is comprised of a suspended coil free to rotate and magnets beneath; a crank will help to rotate the coil; two 4 mm sockets allow to measure the differential voltage generated by the coil or to mount a circuit. The Rotating Coil has a sturdy base with rubber feet and a security shield for safe usage.

Using the coil in vertical position and taking away the magnet, it is possibleto find the North-South direction of the Earth's magnetic field.

Laws and principles investigated

- Faraday-Neumann-Lenz's law
- Earth magnetic field

Experiment

Faraday-Newmann-Lenz Law · **Generate electric current**

It is possible to generate electric currents in a circuit, without generators.
Those currents are called "induced currents" and the phenomenon is called "magnetic induction".
The Faraday-Newmann Law describes this phenomenon, asserting that when a magnetic field varies in a certain point of a conductor, there an electric field is created.
Lenz showed that the electromotive force generated in this way, produces a current generating a magnetic field opposite to the one which generated the current.

So the Faraday-Newmann Law can be written as:

$$C(E) = f.e.m. = -\frac{d\Phi(B)}{dt}$$

The negative sign shows that the f.e.m. oppose itself to the variations of the flux.

Specifications

Dimensions: approx. 20 x 20 x 35 cm
Weight: approx. 3 kg

Equipment needed

Vernier Differential Voltage Sensor (code 2313.40)
LabPro (code 2300.10)
or LabQuest (code 2300.30)
or Go!Link (code 2320.30)

Generation of currents when a coil rotates in a magnetic filed is a basic concept of hundreds of crucial applications in physics, engineering and everyday life (e.g. this is the principle of the dynamo).

Using the Rotating Coil with LabQuest.

Barlow's Wheel

4645.02

Discover Lorentz force without using mercury

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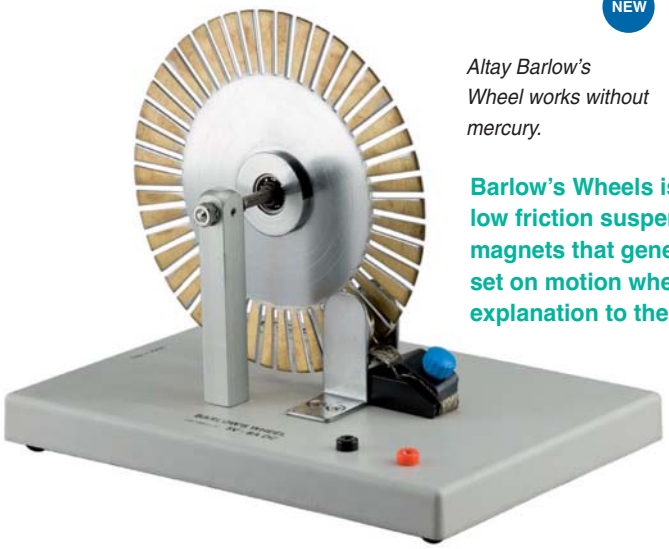


Altay Barlow's Wheel works without mercury.

Specifications

Dimensions: approx. 25 x 18 x 20 cm – Weight: approx. 0,7 kg

Equipment needed

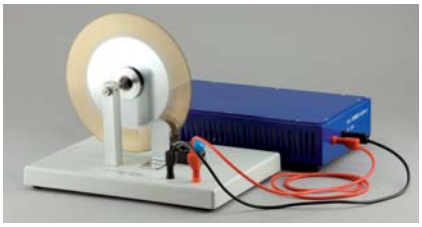
Low Tension Power Supply Unit (code 2407.01)
Connecting leads (code 2522.00) (2x)

Barlow's Wheel is an historical demonstration experiment of Lorentz force generated by currents flowing between the polar expansions of a magnet.

Barlow's Wheels is an impressive piece of apparatus constituted by a wheel on low friction suspensions. The item is equipped with neodinium-iron-boron magnets that generate a strong magnetic field over the wheel that is therefore set on motion when crossed by currents. Students are challenged to find an explanation to the phenomenon making use of the concept of Lorentz force.

Laws and principles investigated

• Lorentz force • Interaction of currents with magnetic field



Barlow's Wheel at work.

Experiment

Lorentz force • **How force acts on a single particle**

Lorentz force is the force exerted on a charged particle in an electromagnetic field.
The particle will experience a force due to electric field of **qE**, and due to the magnetic field **qv** x **B**.
Combined they give the Lorentz force equation (or law):

where
F is the force (in newtons)
E is the electric field (in volts per meter)
B is the magnetic field (in teslas)
q is the electric charge of the particle (in coulombs)
v is the instantaneous velocity of the particle (in meters per second), and x is the cross product.
Thus a positively charged particle will be accelerated in the same linear orientation as the E field, but will curve perpendicularly to both the instantaneous velocity vector v and the B field according to the right-hand rule (i.e., if the thumb of the right hand points along v and the index finger along B, then the middle finger points along F).

$$F = q \cdot (E + v \times B)$$

Students discovering the Lorenz Force.

Laplace Apparatus

4646.10

Laplace Apparatus works without mercury

The study of Lorentz's force is a crucial topic of introductory physics courses and interaction between electric currents and magnetic fields is a major issue of electromagnetism.

Laws and principles investigated

• Laplace's Law • Lorentz's Force

NEW

Altay's Laplace Apparatus works without mercury.

Specifications

Dimensions: approx. 25 x 18 x 45 cm

Equipment needed

Low Tension Power Supply Unit (code 2407.01)
Connecting leads 50 cm (code 2522.00) (3x)

Laplace Apparatus shows the dramatic effect of displacement of a tensioned conductor in a magnetic field.
Altay's Laplace Apparatus doesn't need for mercury.

Components

• Laplace Apparatus Stand	4646.10-001
• U-Shaped magnet	4611.78

Laplace Rail

4646.15

Discover easily the abstract concepts of electromagnetism

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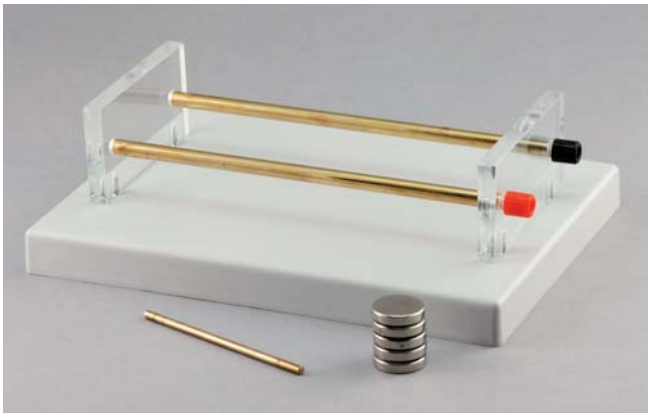


Altay's Laplace Rail.

Components

• Rail	4646.15-001
• Sliding bar	4646.15-002
• Neodinium-Iron-Boron magnet	(5x) 4611.86

Laws and principles investigated

• Laplace's Law • Lorentz's Force

Students enjoying with the Laplace Rail. The links between electrical and magnetic fields will be easily explained by this apparatus.

Specifications

Dimensions: approx. 25 x 18 x 8 cm

Equipment needed

Low Tension Power Supply Unit (code 2407.01)
Connecting leads (code 2522.00) (2x)

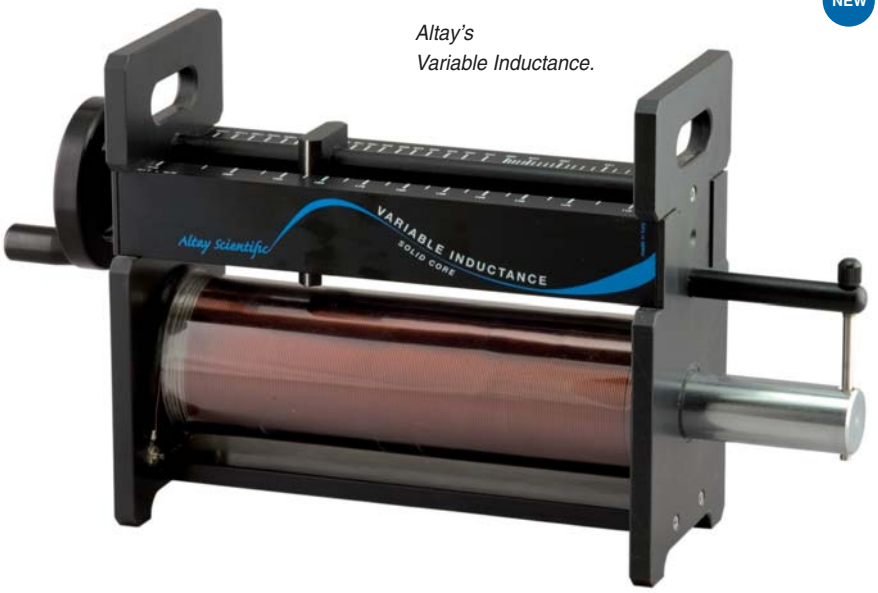
The electromagnetism is one of the most abstract theory of classical physics. This apparatus allows students to approach with fun the concepts of interaction between electric charges and magnetic fields.
The sliding bar that closes the circuit can be set on motion moving a few permanent magnets (or other sources of magnetic field) in the surroundings of the rail; students will see the sliding bar moving and electric currents flowing if the apparatus is connected to a current probe.

Variable Inductance

4731.00

A unique apparatus to discover inductance

NEW



Altay's Variable Inductance.

Laws and principles investigated

• Generation of magnetic fields by flowing currents • Study of a variable inductance
• Role of iron cores • Study of RL, RLC circuits

Specifications

Available from September 2008 – Weight: approx. 8 kg
Dimensions: approx. 25 x 11 x 22 cm

Equipment needed

Low Tension Power Supply Unit (code 2407.01)
Connecting leads (code 2522.00) (2x)

Equipment suggested

Magnetic Field Sensor (code 2313.50)
Digital Multimeter (code 2275.10)

Learning of magnetism and especially the topic of electric generation of magnetic fields, necessarily passes through the experimental study of tensioned coils whose inductance can be measured and related to theory when Altay's Variable Inductance is used. Two iron cores are also supplied; solid iron core when DC supplied and laminated core when AC supplied.

Components

• Variable Inductance	4731.00-001
• Solid Iron Core	4731.00-002
• Laminated Iron Core	4731.00-003

Bridge Rectifier

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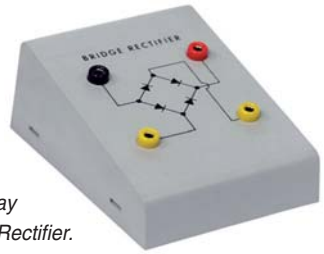
The Altay Bridge Rectifier transforms alternate current (AC) in direct current (DC)



The Altay Bridge Rectifier.

Specifications

Size: 13.5 x 9 x 5.5 cm – Weight: approx. 150 g

The Altay Bridge Rectifier consists of four diodes connected in a bridge circuit. The most common application of this circuit is the conversion of alternating current (AC) input into direct current (DC) output. The unit has a circuit diagram printed so that student may gain an appreciation of the importance of diodes and how they can rectify alternating current to direct current.

Laws and principles investigated

• AC-DC Convertion • Diode principle

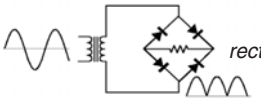
Bridge Rectifier ready to be used with Go!Link and a Differential Voltage Probe.

Experiment

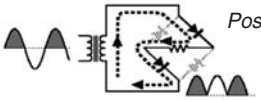
AC – DC Converter • **How to transform an alternate current in direct current**

A bridge rectifier makes use of four diodes in a bridge arrangement to achieve full-wave rectification. This is a widely used configuration, both with individual diodes wired as shown and single component bridges where the diode bridge is wired internally. For both positive and negative swings of the transformer, there is a forward path through the diode bridge. Both conduction paths cause current to flow in the same direction through the load resistor, achieving full-wave rectification.
By simply placing a capacitor in parallel to the output of the bridge rectifier, it is possible to stabilize the tension of the DC current. While one set of diodes is forward biased, the other set is reverse biased and effectively eliminated from the circuit.

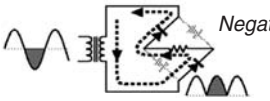
As with all our products, it is easy to set up a configuration to acquire data directly on the computer.



Full wave rectification schema.



Positive current flow.



Negative current flow.

Capacitance Box

4690.00 - 04

A didactic solution for students to handle capacitances at site

Capacitance Box detail.

Specifications

Size: 135 x 90 x 55 mm – Weight: approx. 150 g
11-position switch – 4 mm sockets
Max. voltage: 50 V – Accuracy 10%
Capacitance: 1 - 2.2 - 4.7 - 10 - 22 - 47 - 100 - 220 - 470 - 1000 nF.

Also available

Capacitance: 1 - 2.2 - 4.7 - 10 - 22 - 47 - 100 - 220 - 470 - 1000 μF (code 4690.02)
Capacitance: 100 pF - 470 pF - 1 nF - 4.7 nF - 10 nF - 47 nF - 100 nF - 1 μF - 4.7 μF - 10 μF (code 4690.04)

Altay Capacitance Boxes are designed to be sturdy and are also very useful in laboratories. The strong ABS case prevents damage and is printed with large easy to read capacitance value to facilitate experimenting in a circuit without having to disconnect.

Laws and principles investigated

• Capacitor laws

Experiment

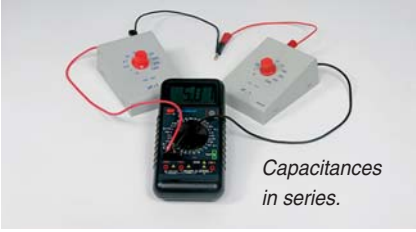
Capacitances in series and in parallel • **Verify the laws of capacitances in circuits**

Capacitors are different from resistors connected in series. Capacitors in series can be shown as:

$$C_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2}}$$

C_{eq} in series mounting.

Two or more capacitors are rarely deliberately connected in series in real circuits, but it can be useful to connect capacitors in parallel to obtain a very large capacitance, for example, to smooth a power supply.



Capacitances in series.

Capacitances in parallel.

Capacitances connected in parallel offer an equivalent resistance equal to the sum of the two. In this case, is also easy to setup the experiment.

$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2$$

C_{eq} in parallel mounting.

Decade Resistance Box

4693.00 - 50

An easy to use, multiple value resistances with 4 mm jacks.

Resistance Boxes.

Laws and principles investigated

• Resistance laws

Specifications

Size: 13.5 x 9 x 5.5 cm – Weight: approx. 150 g – 11 position switch
4 mm sockets – Max voltage: 50 V – Power permitted: 1 W
Decade Resistance Box: 0.1 Ω ÷ 1, accuracy 2% (code 4693.00)
Decade Resistance Box: 1 Ω ÷ 10 Ω, accuracy 2% (code 4693.10)
Decade Resistance Box: 10 Ω ÷ 100 Ω, accuracy 2% (code 4693.20)
Decade Resistance Box: 100 Ω ÷ 1 kΩ, accuracy 2% (code 4693.30)
Decade Resistance Box: 1 kΩ ÷ 10 kΩ, accuracy 2% (code 4693.40)
Decade Resistance Box: 10 kΩ ÷ 100 kΩ, accuracy 2% (code 4693.50)

The Altay Decade Resistance Boxes are a robust solution in any electronics laboratory and ideal for testing circuits with different resistances.
The high impact angled plastic housing case allows an easy reading of resistance values and easy changing of resistance values without having to remove them from the circuit.

Experiment

Resistance in series and in parallel • **Ohm's Law and its concequences**

The most fundamental law of electrical circuits is known as Ohm's Law:
"To make a current flow through a resistance there must be a voltage across that resistance. Ohm's Law shows the relationship between the voltage (V), current (I) and resistance (R)"

$$V = IR$$ *Ohm's Law.*

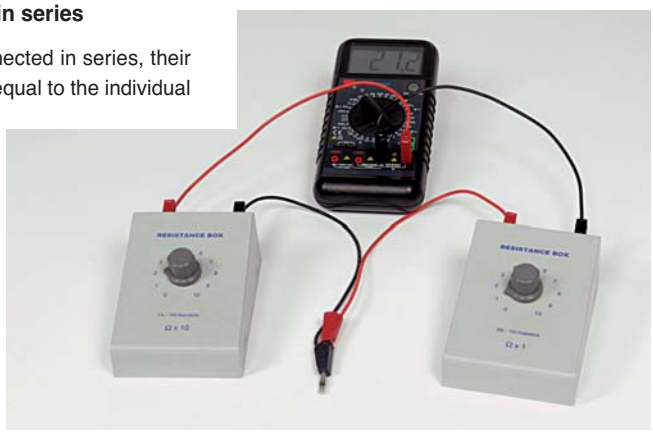
Using Ohm's Law, we can look at how a circuit differs as to whether it is in series or parallel.

Resistors connected in series

When resistors are connected in series, their combined resistance is equal to the individual resistances added together.

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2$$

R_{eq} in series.



Resistance boxes in series.

Resistors connected in parallel

Resistance boxes in parallel.

When resistors are connected in parallel, their combined resistance is less than any of the individual resistances. There is a special equation for the combined resistance of two resistors R_1 and R_2.

$$R_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}}$$ *R_{eq} in parallel.*

Sliding Contact Rheostat

4694.11 - 61

Changing the resistance value with a Sliding Contact Rheostat

Specifications

Size: 30 x 10 x 15 cm – Weight: approx. 2.5 kg
Sliding Contact Rheostat, 2.9 Ω, max 9 A (code 4694.11)
Sliding Contact Rheostat, 10 Ω, max 5 A (code 4694.21)
Sliding Contact Rheostat, 50 Ω, max 2.2 A (code 4694.31)
Sliding Contact Rheostat, 120 Ω, max 1.4 A (code 4694.41)
Sliding Contact Rheostat, 300 Ω, max 0.9 A (code 4694.51)
Sliding Contact Rheostat, 1400 Ω, max 0.4 A (code 4694.61)

A rheostat is similar to a potentiometer as they both control the input voltage by varying the level of resistance.
Available in different resistance values.

Laws and principles investigated

• Variable resistance

Altay's Sliding Contact Rheostats.

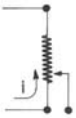
Experiment

Variable resistance · **Suitable for use in many electricity experiments**

Each rheostat is fitted with three terminals that allow it to be used as a fixed or a variable resistance or a potentiometer.

Resistance measurement.

Connecting the two black plugs to the circuit, the rheostat works as a fixed resistance.

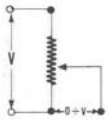


Rheostat used as a fixed resistance.

Connecting the black and red plugs to the circuit, the rheostat works as a variable resistance.

Rheostat used as a variable resistance.

With a more complex circuit schema is possible to realise a potentiometer.



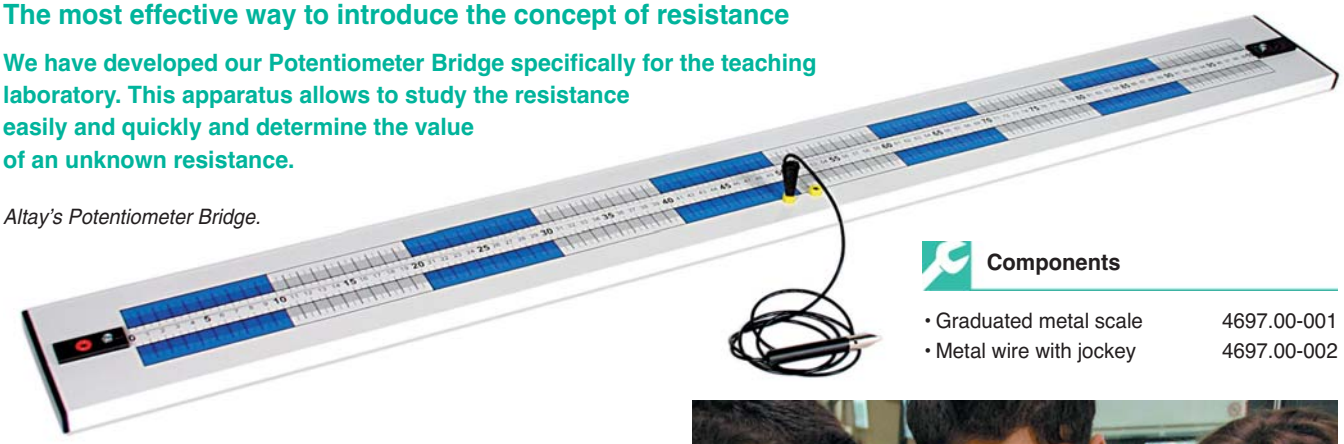
Rheostat used as a potentiometer.

Potentiometer Bridge

4697.00

The most effective way to introduce the concept of resistance

We have developed our Potentiometer Bridge specifically for the teaching laboratory. This apparatus allows to study the resistance easily and quickly and determine the value of an unknown resistance.



Altay's Potentiometer Bridge.

Specifications

Size: 110 x 12 x 3 cm – Weight: approx. 1.6 kg

Components

• Graduated metal scale	4697.00-001
• Metal wire with jockey	4697.00-002

Laws and principles investigated

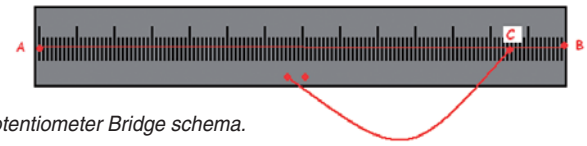
• Resistance dependence from geometrical quantities

Experiment

Investigating the principles of variable resistance

How to build a potentiometer

A metal wire of known linear resistance is connected between the two extremes of the scaled surface.



Potentiometer Bridge schema.

If tension is applied between A and B, the current flowing on the wire will depend on the resistance of the whole wire.
If we now connect our circuit at point C, the resistance of the circuit will be less, and can be shown that it is directly proportional to the wire length.
By simply using a voltmeter and applying Ohm's Law, is possible to verify the linear increasing of the resistance with length.

Students using the Potentiometer Bridge.

Demonstration Transformer

4729.00

Demonstration of the voltage transformation in an alternate current

Specifications

Size: 20 x 15 x 20 cm – Weight: approx. 10 kg – Power output: 2 A max.

Equipment needed

Digital Multimeter (code 2275.10)

Demonstration Transformer components.

With our Demonstration Transformer, students will learn how to change the voltage of an alternate current at a certain frequency to a different value. Ideal for use in many experiments such as plotting a hysteresis of a ferro-magnet.

Components

• Laminated iron U-core, with locking system	4729.00-001
• Laminated iron base	4729.00-002
• Main coil, 2400 turns	4729.00-003
• Interchangeable secondary coil, 65 turns	4729.00-004
• Interchangeable secondary coil, 130 turns	4729.00-005
• Plastic base with coil support	4729.00-006

Laws and principles investigated

• Voltage transformation • Current transformation
• Resistance in an ideal transformer
• Magnetic hysteresis

Experiment

Voltage transformation

How to obtain 12 V power supply from 220 V line power

A transformer is an electrical device that is used to convert AC power at a certain voltage to a different voltage at the same frequency.
The Demonstration Transformer had been specifically developed to aid the understanding of AC power and frequency relationships.

The apparatus is easy to setup whilst still safe and secure to use.

Students realizing a voltage transformation.

Generator Model

4739.20

Demonstration model of dynamo for easy understanding of the functioning

NEW

Bicycle dynamo on plastic base dimensions 12 x 12 cm, complete with a E10 (MES) bulb on bulb holder, and two 4 mm sockets for the dynamo output.

Specifications

Base dimensions approx. 12 x 12 cm

The dynamo is driven by a crank, transmission ratio 1:4. Complete with spare bulb.

Laws and principles investigated

• Motor spinning • Dynamo
• Current generation

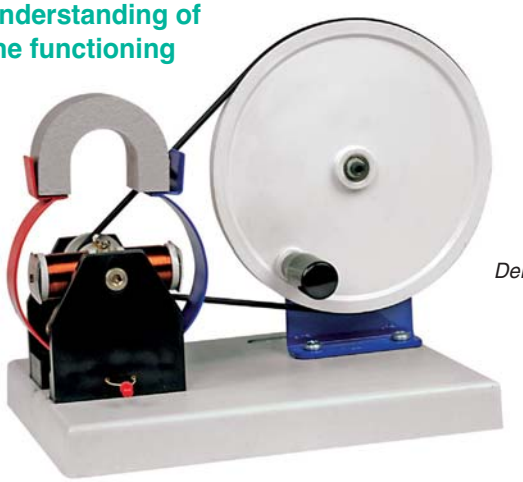
Altay's Generator Model.

Demonstration Dynamo

4739.40

Open demonstration model of dynamo for easy understanding of the functioning

NEW



Altay's Demonstration Dynamo side view.

Specifications

Base dimensions approx. 150 x 200 mm

Completely exposed demonstration model.
An armature comprising two coils of copper wire is mounted to rotate about a horizontal axis.
The spin of the armature is obtained for means of one hand cranked driving wheel, diameter 140 mm, coupled via a belt. Transmission ratio 1:4.
The magnetic field is generated by means of one permanent U-magnet supplied with the unit. Mounted on plastic base, dimensions 150x200 mm, with two 4 mm sockets for connection to measuring instruments and a LED.
Complete with 5 spare.

Laws and principles investigated

- Motor spinning • Dynamo • Current generation
- Interaction between currents and magnetic fields

Motor Unit

4743.05

Open demonstration model of motor for easy understanding of the functioning

NEW

Motor Unit front side.

Laws and principles investigated

- Motor spinning • Dynamo
- Interaction between currents and magnetic fields

Specifications

Dimensions approx. 12 x 12 cm
Electrical supply: 4-6 V DC or AC

Completely exposed demonstration model. The magnetic field is generated by means of the permanent magnet supplied with the unit.

Mounted on a sturdy shock resistant plastic base with 4mm sockets for connection to power source.

Logic Circuit Board

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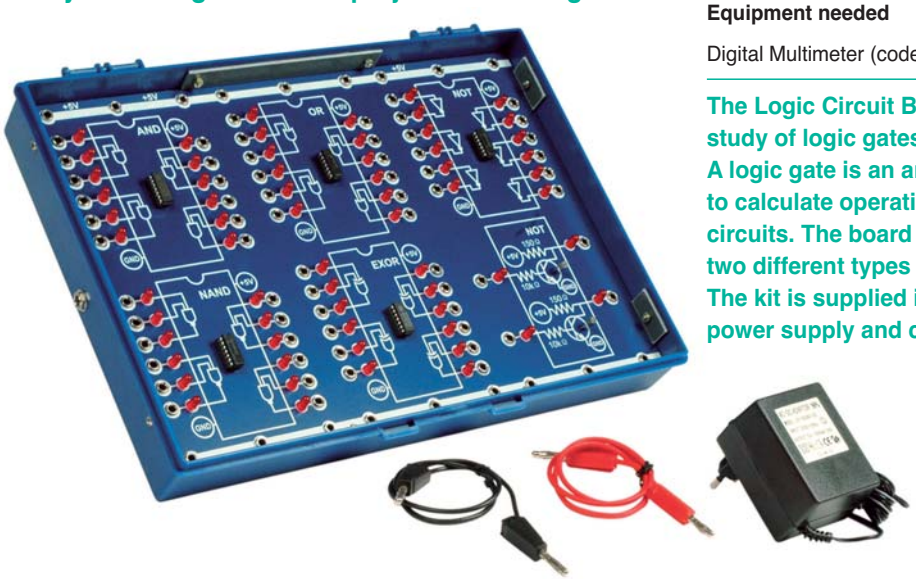
Easy to use digital circuits project and testing board



Specifications

Available from July 2008 – Size: 35 x 25 x 6 cm – Weight: approx. 1.2 kg
Packing: plastic case with transparent cover

Equipment needed

Digital Multimeter (code 2275.10)

The Logic Circuit Board is a complete solution for the study of logic gates.
A logic gate is an arrangement of controlled switches used to calculate operations using Boolean logic in digital circuits. The board features AND, NAND, OR, EXOR and two different types of NOT gates.
The kit is supplied in sturdy plastic storage case with power supply and connection cables.

Laws and principles investigated

- Logic gates • Truth table • Boolean algebra

Logic Circuit Board in case with accessories.

Experiment

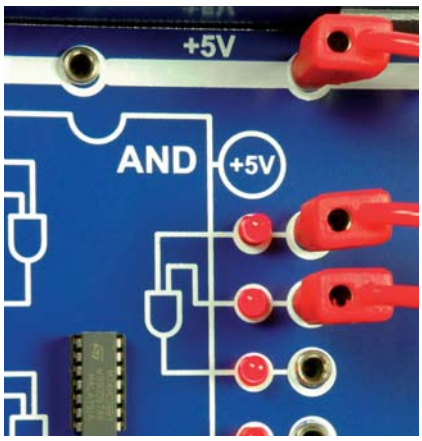
Boolean algebra · **How to realise logic circuits in a easy way**

The three types logic gates are the AND, OR and NOT gates. Using the array of gates, we can demonstrate any boolean equation.
The kit also includes NAND, NOR, XOR and XNOR gates for convenience.

A	B	A AND B
1	1	1
1	0	0
0	1	0
0	0	0

Truth table of the AND gate.

The board is an ideal base to demonstrate and introduce students to truth tables.
After compiling the truth table, students can then verify the result on the Altay Logic Circuit Board.

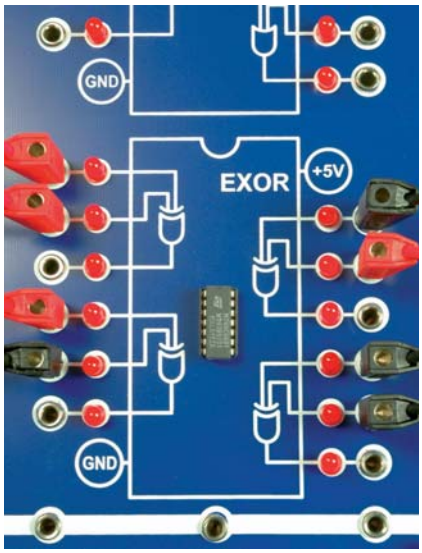


Demonstration shows how an AND gate goes high when the inputs are both high.

A	B	A EXOR B
1	1	0
1	0	1
0	1	1
0	0	0

Truth table of the EXOR Gate.

The EXOR gate (for 'EXclusive OR' gate) is a logic gate that gives an output of '1' when only one of its inputs is '1'. It is one of the most difficult for students to understand.
With the Altay Logic Circuit Board, it is made easy!



A Truth table of the EXOR Gate explained on the Altay Logic Circuit Board.

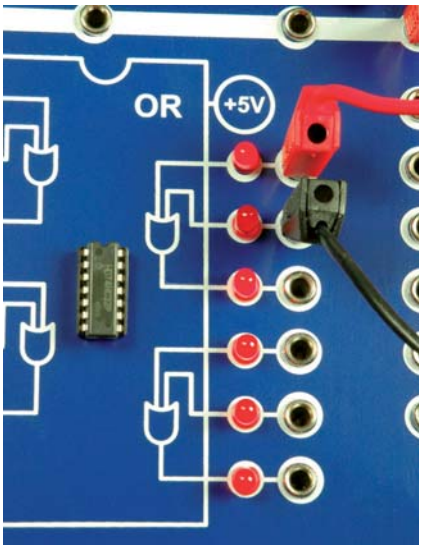
Students can easily verify a Truth Table for a high and low level input to the EXOR gate.

The Altay Logic Board has many inputs for high and low values; all the gates can be used in series or parallel to mount more complex circuits. This feature allows students to test particular boolean equations such as De Morgan's Laws. By using De Morgan's Theorem, an AND gate can be turned into an OR gate by inverting the sense of the logic at its inputs and outputs

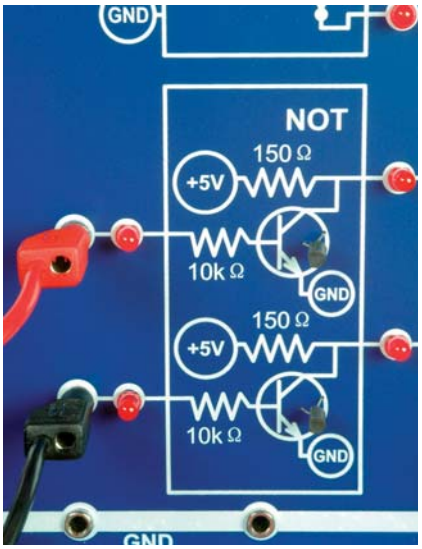
De Morgan's Laws (in Boolean formal logic notation).

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) = (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$$
$$\neg(P \vee Q) = (\neg P) \wedge (\neg Q)$$

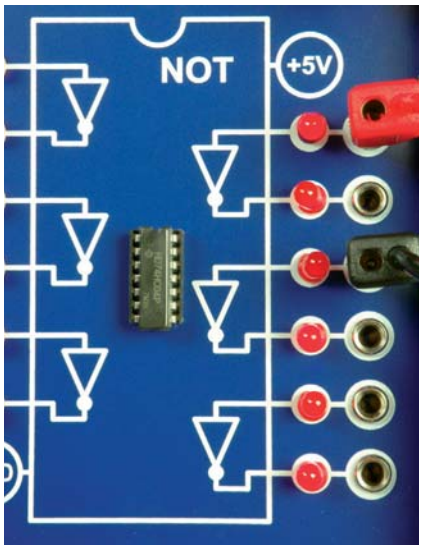
Other examples of gates using the Altay Logic Board



The OR Gate is high if one input is high and the other is low.



NOT Gate (NPN-Si Type).



NOT Gate (integrated type).

Radioactivity Bench

4832.00

An easy to set up apparatus for radioactivity experiments

Altay's Radioactivity Bench.

With our Radioactivity Bench it is easy to measure the number of radioactive particles emitted by alfa, beta and gamma sources.

Is also possible to verify the principle of radioactive decay that is the set of various processes by which unstable atomic nuclei emit subatomic particles.

Radioactivity Bench can be mounted on Altay Magnetic Board (code 4114.30)

Laws and principles investigated

- Radioactive decay
- Alfa, beta and gamma sources
- Radiation absorption from metallic screens
- Geiger Müller detection

Specifications

Radioactivity Bench: length 35 cm
Geiger Müller Counter: size 20 x 12 x 7 cm

Components

• Radioactivity Bench (Base)		4832.00-001
• Slider for Holders	(2x)	W107A1
• Slider for Projectors		W108A1
• Support for Radioactivity Sources		DAB023
• Container for Absorbers		DAB025
• Geiger Müller Rate Counter		2236.01
• Geiger Müller Probe		4825.00
• Power Supply 9 V		2402.54
• Stereo Cable		2526.31
• Radioactivity Sources (Alpha, Beta, Gamma)		4822.50
• Metal Screen (Lead, 30 x 1 mm)	(5x)	DLE001
• Metal Screen (Lead, 30 x 5 mm)		DLE002
• Metal Screen (Lead, 30 x 10 mm)		DLE003
• Metal Screen (Brass, 30 x 1 mm)	(5x)	DBR012
• Metal Screen (Galvanized Iron, 30 x 1 mm)	(5x)	DIR006
• Metal Screen (Aluminium, 30 x 1 mm)	(5x)	DAL015

Radioactivity Bench with holders for sources and screens.

GM Counter with particle detector.

Radioactive sources and metallic screens.

Experiment

Radioactive sources and effect of metal screens

Determination of Radioactive alfa, beta and gamma decay and study of shielding effect of metal screens

Altay Radioactivity bench is suited for an easy measure of the radioactive decay of the different sources supplied.
Setting up the time interval to a specified value can be quickly measured the radioactive activity in becqerel (Bq) applying the know physics laws. If a quantity of radioactive material produces one decay event per second, it has an activity of one Bq.
Since any reasonably – sized sample of radioactive material contains many atoms, one becquerel is a tiny level of activity, numbers on the order of gigabecquerels are commonly seen.
With the different metal screens supplied is also possible to study the shielding due to different materials, for example lead, interposed between the radioactive source and the detector. In this way it is possible to verify the behaviour of various radioactive source in presence of different metal screening and understand, for examples, the principles behind the construction of bunkers.

Effect of lead screen.

Millikan Apparatus

4836.60

Measure electron charge following the experimental steps of the great scientist Robert Millikan

NEW

Millikan Apparatus is self contained and simple to use.

Specifications

Dimensions: 26 x 20 x 9 cm
Mains supply: 110 V / 230 V, 50 ÷ 60 Hz

The quantization of electric charge is still as mysterious as it was over 90 years ago when it was discovered by Robert Millikan in his groundbreaking oil-drop experiment.
With this apparatus all the obstacles to the focus of the experiment are removed. The charge of an electron will be measured by observing the rising and falling of latex microspheres in an electric field.

Laws and principles investigated

• Electric charge • Air buoyancy • Air viscosity
• Reynolds number

Experiment

Oil drop experiment

Measure the electric charge of the electron

The purpose of Robert Millikan and Harvey Fletcher's oil-drop experiment (1909) was to measure the electric charge of the electron.
They did this by carefully balancing the gravitational and electric forces on tiny charged droplets of oil suspended between two metal electrodes. Knowing the electric field, the charge on the oil droplet could be determined. Repeating the experiment for many droplets, they found that the values measured were always multiples of the same number. They interpreted this as the charge on a single electron: **1.602×10^{-19} coulomb**.

Student using the Millikan Apparatus.

DATALOGGER & SENSORS

Our comprehensive range of dataloggers and sensors can work with a variety of Altay Physics apparatus providing accurate acquisition and manipulation of data.

Our sensors are portable, versatile and easy to use guaranteeing consistent accuracy in all circumstances – whether in the classroom or on a field trip, learning physics becomes meaningful and fun.

LabPro

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Get Started with Datalogging: Data Collection Technology

LabPro interface.

The Vernier LabPro offers data logging in a new level of affordability and flexibility.
The LabPro is very versatile as it can be used directly with a USB or Serial Port on your computer and has four digital and two analogue inputs.
LabPro can be used directly with a computer (using the award winning LoggerPro software)
or with a Texas Instruments graphing calculator, Palm OS® PDA*, or as a stand-alone data collector.
To collect data, simply connect the LabPro to your computer or hand-held device, plug in one of our sensors, and start the data-collection program.
The program automatically detects which sensors are connected.
This datalogger has been classroom tested by hundreds of thousands of students around the world.

Compatibility

- Windows or Macintosh OS, serial or USB port, with Logger Pro software (sold separately)
- TI handhelds: TI-73, TI-82, TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-83 Plus Silver Edition, TI-84 Plus, TI-84 Plus Silver Edition, TI-86, TI-89, TI-92, TI-92 Plus, Voyage 200
- Palm® Handhelds: Palm TlX, Tungsten E2, T5, T3, C, W, T2, T, Zire 71, m515, m130, m125, m500, i705, and many legacy, Palm, and Visor handhelds
- Sony Handhelds: PEG-TJ25, TJ35, TJ27, TJ37
- Garmin® iQue™ 3600, 3200

Six data collection channels

- Four analogue channels for over 40 different sensors, for physics, chemistry, environmental science, mathematics, biology and physiology
- Two digital channels (DIG/SONIC 1, DIG/SONIC 2) for motion detectors, photogates, radiation monitors and rotary motion sensors
- Samples up to 50,000 readings per second • 12-bit A/D conversion
- Internally stores 12,000 data points
- Four analogue input channels (CH1÷CH4)
- Analogue Output, 1 channel (CH4), ±3 volts, 100 mA (with function generator)

Datalogger with motion detector used to acquire collision data with the Altay Mechanics Upgrade 1.

Easily and immediate field data acquisition to the computer.

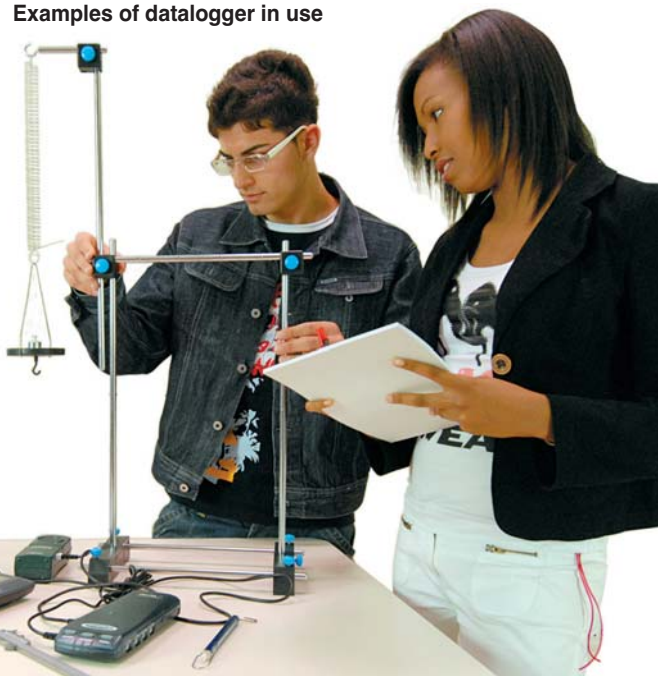
Main components

- LabPro Interface • Voltage Probe
- Computer cables (USB & serial)
- Calculator cradles
- DataMate calculator program
- Calculator link cable • User's manual
- AC power supply

The datalogger can be easily connected to:

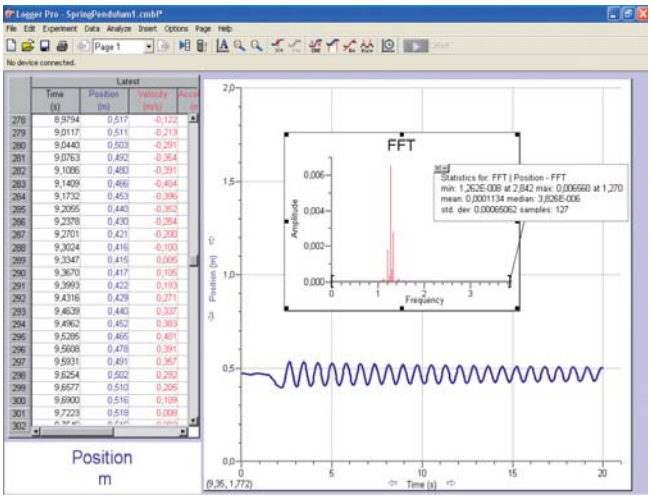
- Computers: Windows or Macintosh computers (serial or USB). Using the LabPro3 software (sold separately)
- Texas Instruments Handhelds: the datalogger can be directly connected to many TI graphic calculators for field data acquisition
- Palm® Handhelds: with the Palm data collection kit (sold separately) and a Palm Powered™ handheld, you get the same portability as a calculator on the highly popular Palm OS. For further analysis, it is always possible to uploading data to a computer
- As a Stand-Alone Data Logger: in remote mode, you can take LabPro to an amusement park or a local stream and collect data without a computer or handheld attached

Examples of datalogger in use



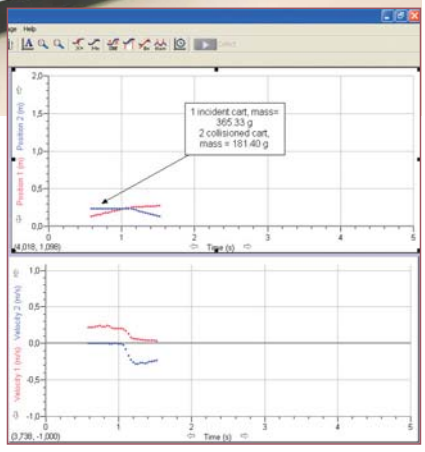
Mechanics experiments with datalogger.

The Motion Sensor is ideal for most Kinematics Experiments. Using LoggerPro software and the Altay Mechanics System 1, we can use the powerful LoggerPro software to easily determine the elastic constant of a spring.
This is done by using the FFT (Fast Fourier Transform function in real time).



Spring pendulum experiment using LoggerPro data logging software.

The Motion Sensor can be also used in collision experiments to acquire data of elastic and inelastic collisions in real time with incredible accuracy.



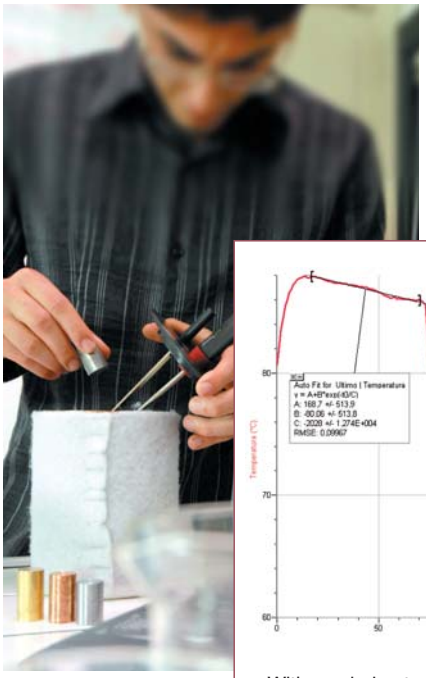
Investigating collisions using a datalogger.

Collision graphs with the datalogger and motion sensors.

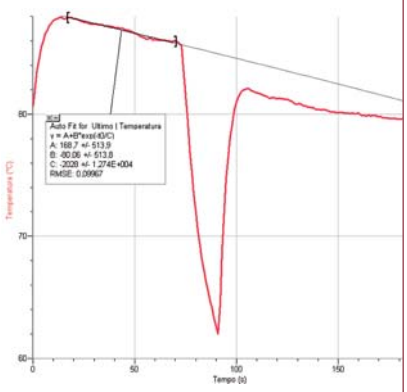
With the datalogger and software it is easy to study collision between carts. It is very easy to set up an experiment by combining two motion sensors to acquire position, velocity and acceleration data for two carts in real time. Using LoggerPro, it is possible to graph simultaneously the positions of the two carts and see what happens during the collision in real time.

A Differential Voltage Sensor can be used together with the Bimetal Strip and a Stainless Steel Temperature Probe to determine the instantaneous temperature of the circuit when it opens.

Using the Bimetal Strip and the Differential Voltage Probe.



Calorimeter and Stainless Steel Temperature Probe.

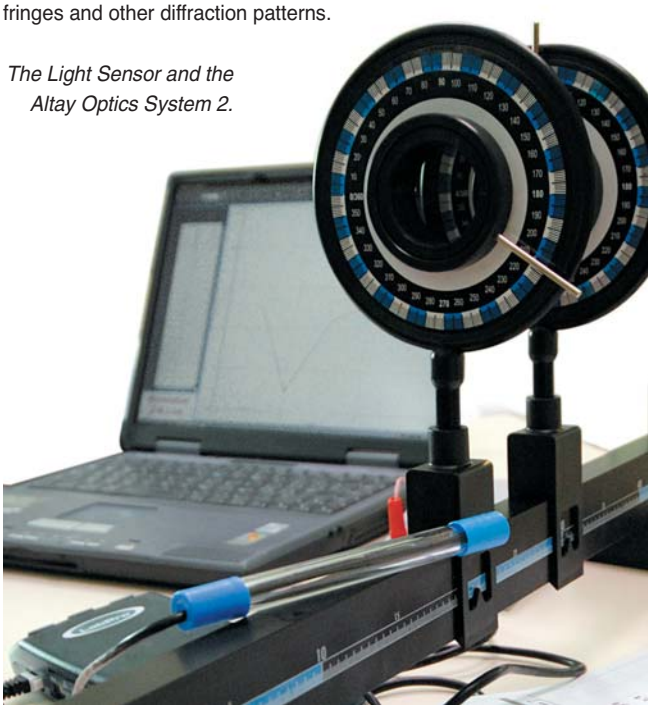


With a calorimeter and a temperature probe is easy to acquire data and determine the specific heat of materials.

Copper specific heat measurement.

The Light Sensor is ideal for use with the Altay Optics Systems 1 and 2 for accurate data on a very wide range of experiments.
Using a Light Sensor we can acquire extremely accurate interference fringes and other diffraction patterns.

The Light Sensor and the Altay Optics System 2.



Wireless Dynamics Sensor System

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Force, acceleration, altitude. All in one, all wireless

Wireless Dynamics Sensor System, the wireless solution for datalogging.

Equipment needed

- LoggerPro 3.4.5 software
- Windows XP SP2 (or newer) or Macintosh OS X 10.3 (or newer)
- Bluetooth® wireless technology enabled computer

All in one, all wireless. Ideal for use with the Altay Multiuse Systems, this new sensor offers true portability. Using Bluetooth® technology it is useful for both experiments inside the physics lab as well as on amusement park rides!
The new Wireless Dynamics Sensor System combines a 3-axis accelerometer, force sensor and altimeter into one unit that communicates wirelessly with your computer via Bluetooth®.
You can also use it as a stand-alone data logger.
It is more than just a wireless sensor; it is a complete data-collection system completely free of friction due to cables.

A complete system

The Wireless Dynamics Sensor System includes a high capacity lithium-ion rechargeable battery and charger, AAA alkaline battery holder (allows you to use AAA batteries instead of the rechargeable battery), bumpers for collisions, hooks for mounting the unit in different positions, mounting hardware for Vernier and other dynamics carts and user manual.

Specifications

- Internal data storage capacity: 50,000 points
- Maximum sampling rate: 1,000 samples/sec
- Force Sensor: Range ±50 N – Resolution 0.006 N (<10 N), 0.03 N (>10 N)
- Accelerometer: Range (for each axis) ±50 m/s² (±5 g) Resolution 0.04 m/s²
- Altimeter: Altitude Change Range ±200 m – Resolution 1 m
- Force Sensor, custom load cell provides accurate, repeatable results
- Altimeter, record changes in altitude for roller-coaster physics
- 3-Axis Accelerometer, three orthogonally mounted sensors let you measure acceleration in all directions
- Wireless Communication, Bluetooth® wireless technology transmits data to a supported device
- Start/Stop Button, one-button operation allows you to start and stop data collection when away from the computer
- Multiple Mounting Options, mount the device in almost any orientation using standard hardware
- On-Board Memory, retains data even after the unit is turned off
- Additional Hook, allows the device to be mounted in-line for tension and pendulum experiments

LabQuest

2300.30

The freedom to inquire. The technology to excel

NEW

LabQuest, the most powerful and intuitive interface for science education.

One-touch simplicity for real-time data analysis at your fingertips, the Vernier LabQuest is as easy to use as point and touch. Vernier LabQuest offers a durable, color, touch-screen interface with powerful built-in software.
It provides intuitive data collection in the field, as well as in the classroom. The new LabQuest can be used with your existing Vernier sensors.
Also for good measure, a handy touch screen display was added, so the students do not have to work with messy and hard to use menus or a complicated array of buttons.

LabQuest is the most powerful and intuitive interface designed specifically for science education. Combined with Vernier sensors, LabQuest will engage your students in hands-on science and provide real-time graphing and analysis. Use it stand-alone or with a PC!

Use your LabQuest stand-alone.

Use your LabQuest with a PC.

LabQuest works with over 50 Vernier sensors.

Use your LabQuest in any condition.

The Vernier LabQuest interface is build with rugged reliability in mind.
The Vernier LabQuest is designed to withstand a fall from a lab bench. It is water resistant, and holds a battery charge for your entire school day.

Features of LabQuest

- High-speed data collection with color graphs and powerful analysis • Linear and curve fits
- Draw a prediction before taking data • Display a tangent line on the graph
- Color-coded periodic table, on-screen keyboard, scientific calculator, and stopwatch
- Export data to Logger Pro software

Specifications

- Dimensions: 165 x 100 x 40 mm • Weight: 350 g • CPU: 416 MHz Processor
- Display: 320 x 240 pixel color touch screen 7 cm x 5.3 cm
- Input Method: Touch Screen, On-Screen Display, Buttons • Battery: Lithium Ion, rechargeable
- Sensors: 6 Channels (4 Analogue – 2 Digital) • Resolution: 12 bit
- Sampling Rate: 100000 samples per second
- Other Ports: USB Standard-A, USB Mini-AB, DC Power Jack, Audio In – Speaker Out
- Memory: 40 MB built-in storage – SD/MMC card slot for expandability
- Built-in temperature sensor and microphone • Splash proof
- Rugged enclosure with rubber molding for shock absorption

The LabQuest Graphing and Analysis Application gives your students real-time graphing capabilities in a handheld device.
It's powerful-yet beautifully simple.

Built-in Applications

- Stopwatch • Periodic table
- On-screen keyboard • Scientific calculator

Built-In Curriculum

Vernier has embedded over 50 science labs into LabQuest.
These well-designed labs have been tested by science educators and make it easy for your students to follow along.

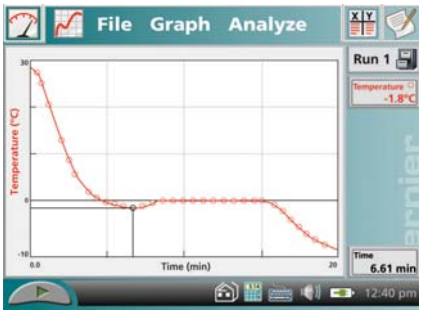
Lab Books

Written by science teachers, each lab book guides you through core science labs.
Our popular lab books have been updated with instructions for LabQuest:

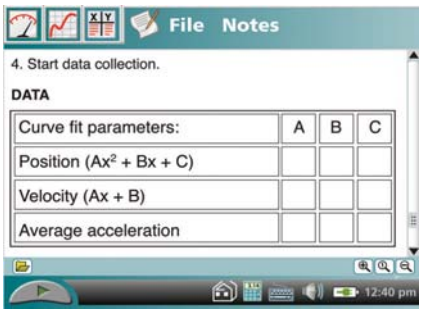
- Biology with Vernier
- Middle School Science with Vernier
- Physics with Vernier
- Water Quality with Vernier
- Chemistry with Vernier
- Advanced Chemistry with Vernier
- Earth Science with Vernier
- Physical Science with Vernier
- Investigating Environmental Science through Inquiry

Analisys Features

- Perform linear and curve fits
- Draw a prediction before taking data
- Display two graphs at once
- Display a tangent line on the graph
- Autoscale • Integral function • Statistics



Discover the LabQuest graphic features.



LabQuest data collection capabilities are the state of the art in datalogging.

TI-84 Plus Calculator

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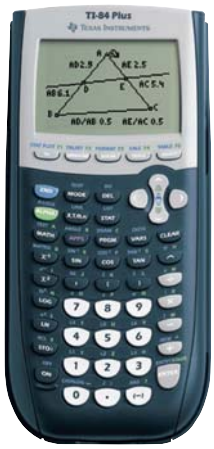
The ideal instrument for High School calculus and data collection



NEW

Use easily the TI-84 Plus calculator with the Vernier sensors.

The TI-84 Plus, with Easy Link (code 2300.41), provides an easy to use and versatile system to acquire data from any type of Vernier Sensor, offering, at the same time, all the powerful capabilities in calculus of the TI calculators. Simply connect the EasyLink to your TI-84 Plus, plug the sensor you need to use in the EasyLink and start acquiring!

TI-84 Plus calculator is learning tool designed to help students visualize concepts and make connections in math and science, offering advanced data collection features.

Features of TI-84 Plus

- Three times the memory of the TI-83 Plus model
- More than twice the speed of the TI-83 Plus model
- USB cable included with purchase (built-in USB port)
- Preloaded Apps: Cabri® Jr., Vernier EasyData™, StudyCards™ and more
- Compatible with TI presentation
- One-year limited manufacturer's warranty

Specifications

- Electronically upgradeable graphing calculator allows you to have the most up-to-date functionality and software applications (Apps)
- 480 KB Flash ROM memory for data archive and storage of Apps
- 24KB of available RAM memory
- USB port for computer connectivity, unit-to-unit communication with TI-84 Plus and TI-84 Plus Silver Edition graphing calculators, and more
- I/O port for communication with other TI products
- Internal Clock with date and time display
- 8-line by 16-character display
- Real and complex numbers calculated to 14- digit accuracy and displayed with 10 digits plus a 2-digit exponent
- Compatible with Vernier EasyLink™, and Vernier EasyTemp™ systems to allow collection and analysis of real-world data

EasyLink

2300.41

Easy Data Collection for Math and Science

NEW

The Vernier EasyLink is the least expensive way to collect data using a single sensor and a TI-84 Plus graphing calculator.

Connect one of 42 compatible sensors to your TI-84 Plus calculator using an EasyLink interface. Use EasyLink to explore math and science concepts found in real-world phenomena such as light, pressure, force, and more. EasyLink simplifies data-collection because it plugs directly into the USB port of a TI-84 Plus calculator.
This action launches the preloaded Vernier EasyData Application on your calculator. Simply press "Start" and you are collecting data.

Features of EasyLink

- Easy to use USB connection
- Compatible with 42 Vernier sensors, as Dual Range Force Sensor, 25-g Accellerometer, Barometer, Gas Pressure Sensor, etc.

Equipment needed

TI-84 Plus – Calculator Operating System 2.30 or higher
EasyData (1.0 or higher)

TI USB Graph Link Connectivity Kit

2300.42

Easy connection between TI-84 Plus and Windows and Macintosh Computers

NEW

The TI USB Graph Link Connectivity Kit allows easy connections between your TI-84 Plus and your PC, to download and share your data.
Easy to use as the others Texas Instruments products, includes a USB TI-Graph Link cable that works on Windows or Macintosh computers to be immediately ready to work.

Features of TI USB GRAPH LINK Connectivity Kit

- Capture multiple screen images and use them in tests, presentations and quizzes
- Drag and drop all data types in one consistent manner
- Download calculator Software Applications to use your TI calculator in more classes
- Back up the data from your TI calculator to your computer

LoggerPro 3

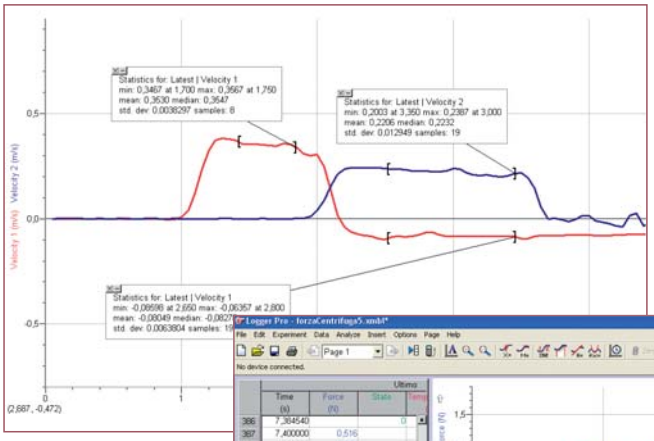
2300.50

Real-time graphing and powerful analytical tools

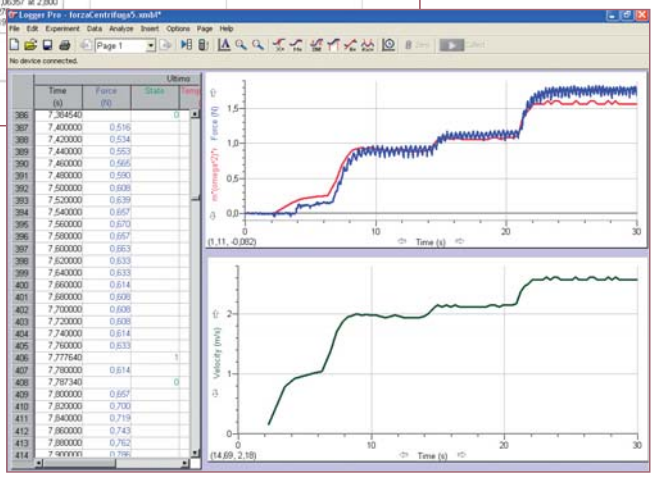
The award winning LoggerPro software is used by many schools worldwide and has become the basic programme for data logging experiments.
It is both powerful and extremely intuitive. Its ease of use has made it the standard across the world and is used in more schools than any other programme of its type.

LoggerPro 3 Software.

LoggerPro can also be used as a basis for student's lab books, being able to create multiple pages to their lab reports.
They can incorporate data from other students, enter text for their report, and show step-by-step analysis. It is also free for their home computers!



Elastic collision between two carts plotted in LoggerPro software.



Centrifugal forces apparatus data plotted in multiple graphs.

With LoggerPro, it is possible to compare experimental data with theoretical predictions.
In the above plot the theoretical centrifugal force (red line) is compared with the actual experimental data (blue line).

Features of LoggerPro

- One program does it all for your computers and your students' personal computers
- Think of LoggerPro as the digital data hub of your classroom and lab. It can gather data from a variety of sources: Vernier LabPro, Go! devices, Ohaus balances, TI graphing calculators, Palm Powered™ handhelds, manual entry, movies and more
- Easily export data and graphs from LoggerPro to Microsoft® Word documents or Excel spreadsheets. Students can even use the multiple page feature to write lab reports in LoggerPro
- LoggerPro will be your students' favourite graphing program. Our generous LoggerPro site license allows your students to continue working with lab data on their home computers
- LoggerPro includes over 1,000 experiment files

Specifications

- Designed for Windows XP • Mac OS X Native
- Software of choice for Apple® Mobile Science Labs
- Available in multiple languages

Analysis tools

- Draw predictions on graphs prior to collecting data
- Determine statistical information about data
- Perform a linear regression
- Fit a curve to data • Model data with an equation

Compatibility

- LabPro
- Go!Temp • Go!Link • Go!Motion
- Vernier Spectrometer
- Garmin GPS
- Wireless Dynamics Sensor System
- Ohaus Balances

Features

- Video capture
- GPS data collection
- Vernier Spectrometer and Ocean Optics support
- Date and time stamps for long-term collection
- User-adjustable parameters for total control over calculations
- Double y-axis graphs for plotting unlike units on the same graph
- Collect data from multiple LabPros, Go! devices, or Ohaus balances
- Synchronize videos to sensor data
- Easy unit switching
- Log graphs
- Auto-save feature to protect data during long collections

Physics Data Logging Packages

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Three levels of data logging for different levels of study

**We offer three levels of data logging bundles for physics.
All bundles are ideal for use with Altay apparati. We offer Starter, Standard and Deluxe Bundles aimed at different levels of study.**

**Combine the award winning Vernier software and the largest range of sensors in the world with our high quality and affordable physics apparatus.
The bundles include all you need to perform a wide variety of experiments.**

Concepts such as velocity, acceleration, Newton's Laws, and momentum will be more clearly understood by your students using both data logging and physics apparatus.

Starter Bundle detail.

Starter Bundle (code 2300.61)

The ideal starter package for data logging in physics. The bundle consists of a LabPro Interface with a voltage sensor, motion detector, dual-range force sensor and microphone.

Components

LabPro Interface	(code 2300.10)	Dual-Range Force Sensor	(code 2311.10)
Voltage Probe	(code 2313.30)	Microphone	(code 2313.60)
Motion Detector	(code 2310.10)		

Standard Bundle (code 2300.62)

Great companion for the study of Kinematics experiments including motion and momentum. Also included is a sound sensor for determination of sound wave experiments plus a light sensor for optics.
We also include the Low-g Accelerometer so that students can gain an understanding into g forces.

Components

LabPro Interface	(code 2300.10)	Picket Fence	(code 2312.11)
Voltage Probe	(code 2313.30)	Light Sensor	(code 2315.10)
Motion Detector	(code 2310.10)	Low-g Accelerometer	(code 2311.21)
Dual-Range Force Sensor	(code 2311.10)	Vernier Photogate	(code 2312.10)
Microphone	(code 2313.60)	Ultra Pulley Attachment	(code 2312.12)

Deluxe Bundle (code 2300.63)

Our advanced bundle allows for over fifty different experiments in kinematics, optics, electricity, magnetism, thermodynamics and much more.

Components

LabPro Interface	(code 2300.10)	Vernier Photogate	(code 2312.10)
Voltage Probe	(code 2313.30)	Ultra Pulley Attachment	(code 2312.12)
Motion Detector	(code 2310.10)	Magnetic Field Sensor	(code 2313.50)
Dual-Range Force Sensor	(code 2311.10)	Differential Voltage Probe	(code 2313.40)
Microphone	(code 2313.60)	Current Probe	(code 2313.20)
Picket Fence	(code 2312.11)	Stainless Steel	
Light Sensor	(code 2315.10)	Temperature Probe	(code 2314.20)
Low-g Accelerometer	(code 2311.21)		

Motion Detector

2310.10

The most versatile instrument for dynamics experiments

Specifications

Range: 0.15 ÷ 6.0 m – Resolution: 1 mm
Sensitivity: 2 settings

The Motion Detector uses the Doppler Effect to take accurate and real time measurements.
The Motion Detector uses ultrasound to measure distance. Ultrasonic pulses are emitted by the Motion Detector, reflected from a target and then detected by the device. The time it takes for the reflected pulses to return is used to calculate position, velocity, and acceleration.
This allows you to study the motion of objects such as a person walking, a ball in free fall or a cart on a ramp.
These three measurements are calculated in real time by the data logger and shown simultaneously on the computer.

Our Motion Detector can measure objects as close as 15 cm to the detector and as far away as 6 m.
The short minimum target distance allows objects to get closer to the detector, which reduces stray reflections.
A special track mode switch controls the sensitivity for dynamics carts on tracks for lower noise and higher quality data.
The Motion Detector easily attaches to the Altay dynamics systems and has a pivoting head and rubber feet for ease of use when not attached to a dynamics track.
The cable is removable, so you can use the Motion Detector with other interfaces with an alternate cable.

Rotary Motion Sensor

2310.20

Ideal for linear and rotary motion measurements

Using the Rotary Motion Sensor you can monitor directional angular motion with ease and accuracy to graph angular displacement, angular velocity and angular acceleration.
Typical experiments include measuring moments of inertia, torque, transmission of light through polarizing materials (as a function of angle), pendulum and Atwood's machine.
The Rotary Motion Sensor can also be used to measure precise linear position by rolling the pulley of the sensor along a table.

Specifications

Standard Resolution:
1.0° (angular velocity up to 13 rev/sec)
High Resolution:
0.25° (angular velocity up to 3.25 rev/sec)

Dual-Range Force Sensor

2311.10

For studies in force and dynamics experiments

The Force Sensor can be easily mounted on a ring stand or dynamics cart or can used as a replacement for a hand-held spring scale.
Use it to study friction, simple harmonic motion, impact in collisions, or centripetal force.

Specifications

Ranges: -10 ÷ +10 N, -50 ÷ +50 N

25-g Accelerometer

2311.20

Measurement of g forces in dynamics experiments

This is great for studying one-dimensional collisions or any motion with larger accelerations.

Specifications

Range: -250 ÷ +250 m/s²
Typical Accuracy: ±1 m/s²
Also available:
Low-g Accelerometer (code 2311.21)
Range: -50 ÷ +50 m/s²
Typical Accuracy: ±0.1 m/s²

Barometer

2311.30

Ideal for use it for environmental monitoring

The Barometer can be used for barometric pressure in weather studies or for lab experiments involving pressures close to normal air pressure.

Specifications

Ranges: 25.0 ÷ 31.5 in. Hg, 0.80 ÷ 1.05 atm, 81 ÷ 106 kPa, 608 ÷ 798 mm Hg
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 0.003 in. Hg
10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 0.01 in. Hg

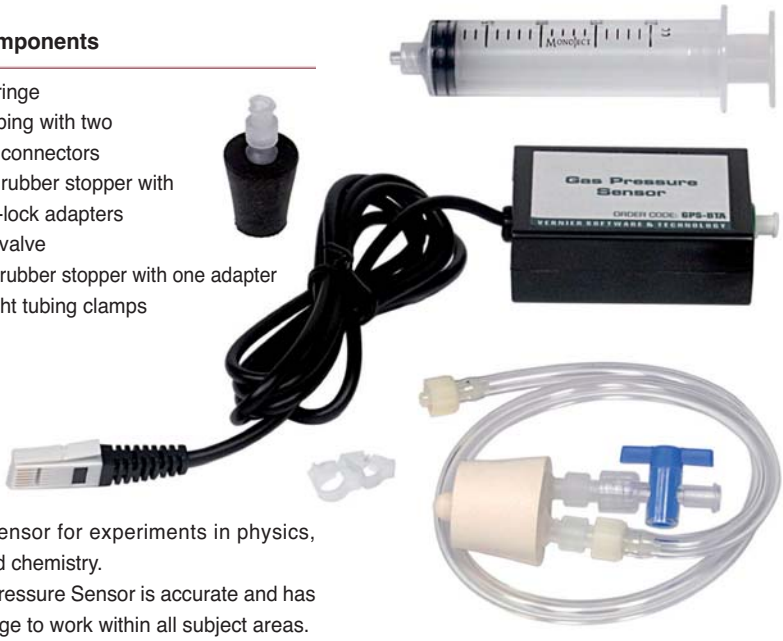
Gas Pressure Sensor

2311.40

A complete kit for your pressure-temperature experiments

Components

- 20 mL syringe
- Plastic tubing with two Luer-lock connectors
- Two-hole rubber stopper with
- Two Luer-lock adapters
- Two-way valve
- One-hole rubber stopper with one adapter
- Two airtight tubing clamps



An ideal sensor for experiments in physics, biology and chemistry.
The Gas Pressure Sensor is accurate and has a good range to work within all subject areas.
Ideal for Boyle's Law experiments and also suitable for vapour-pressure or pressure-temperature experiments.
The sensor also includes airtight tubing clamps for transpiration experiments, as well as fittings for respiration experiments in small containers.

Specifications

Range: 0 ÷ 210 kPa, (0 ÷ 2.1 atm or 0 ÷ 1,600 mm Hg)
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 0.05 kPa (0.0005 atm or 0.40 mm Hg)
10-bit Resolution (CBL or CBL 2): 0.2 kPa (0.002 atm or 1.6 mm Hg)

Photogate

2312.10

The ideal sensor for dynamics experiments

The Photogate can be used to study free fall, rolling objects, collisions, and pendulum motion, to name but a few.
The sensor also includes a built-in laser to allow detection of objects much greater than dynamic carts on a track. You can also connect up to four gates in a chain.
The Photogate comes with an accessory rod for attachment to a ring stand or for adding the Ultra Pulley Attachment.

Picket Fence

2312.11

Accessory for free fall studies

The Picket Fence has eight opaque bars silk-screened at intervals of 5 cm directly onto clear plastic.
These devices are especially good for dropping through a photogate to study free fall. A very accurate value for g can be achieved using this simple accessory and a photogate.

Ultra Pulley Attachment

2312.12

Accessory for motion detection

Add an Ultra Pulley to your Photogate to monitor motion as a string passes over the pulley, or as the pulley rolls along a table. Ideal for F=ma.

Bar Tape

2312.13

Accessory for mechanics experiments

Our Bar Tape is a flexible strip 3 m long and 1.6 cm wide with opaque bars spaced every 1.525 cm.
This strip can be attached to a dynamics cart and pulled through a photogate, taking the place of a "ticker tape" in many mechanics experiments.

Charge Sensor

2313.10

Ideal for quantitative measurements

The Charge Sensor is used as an electronic electroscope.
Unlike a traditional electroscope, the Charge Sensor can make quantitative measurements. Numerical measurements improve many electrostatics experiments, such as charging by induction, charging by friction and charging by contact. The sensor can also be used to measure charge polarities.
An extremely high impedance voltage sensor with a 0.01F input capacitor makes these measurements possible.
The sensor has three operating ranges and a zeroing switch to discharge the input capacitor.

Specifications
Ranges: ±0.5 V (+/- 5 nC), ±2 V (+/- 20 nC), ±10 V (+/- 97 nC)
Typical bias current: 0.005 pA
Input capacitance: 0.01 μF

Differential Voltage Probe

2313.40

Used for voltage measurements

Use the Differential Voltage Probe to measure voltages in low-voltage AC and DC circuits.
With a range of ±6.0 V, this system is ideal for use in most battery and bulb circuits.
Use it with the Current Probe to explore Ohm's Law, phase relationships in reactive components and much more.
This differs from the Voltage Probe that comes with your interface in that neither clip is connected to the ground.
Use multiple sensors to explore series and parallel circuits.

Specifications
Range: -6.0 ÷ +6.0 V
Input Impedance: 10 MOhm

Current Probe

2313.20

A practical sensor for current measurements

Use the Current Probe to measure currents in low-voltage AC and DC circuits.
With a range of ±0.6 A, this probe is ideal for use in most battery and bulb circuits.
Use it with a voltage probe to explore Ohm's Law, phase relationships in reactive components and much more.
Use multiple sensors to explore series and parallel circuits.
Can also be used in electrochemistry experiments.

Specifications
Range: -0.6 ÷ +0.6 A

Voltage Probe

2313.30

A simple sensor for tension measurements

This Voltage Probe is included with each Vernier LabPro and TI CBL 2.
It can be used to measure the potential in direct-current or alternating current circuits. In chemistry, physical science or middle school science classes, the Voltage Probe can be used to measure voltages developed in a variety of electrochemical (voltaic) cells.

Specifications
Range: -10 ÷ +10 V
12-bit Resolution (LabPro): 0.005 V (5 mV)
10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 0.020 V (20 mV)

Magnetic Field Sensor

2313.50

Ideal sensor for magnetic field measurements

Specifications
Low Sensitivity: -6.4 ÷ +6.4 mT
High Sensitivity: -0.32 ÷ +0.32 mT

This sensor, which uses a Hall Effect transducer, is sensitive enough to measure the Earth's magnetic field. It can also be used to study the field around permanent magnets, coils, and electrical devices. Our newly designed sensor has a rotating sensor tip which allows you to measure both transverse and longitudinal magnetic fields.

Microphone

2313.60

Great for sound experiments

The Microphone sensor can be used to display and study the waveforms of sounds from a human voice and musical instruments.
It is also ideal for speed of sound experiments.

Electrode Amplifier

2313.70

Sensor which is used to amplify BNC connector

The Electrode Amplifier is an mV/pH/ORP amplifier that accepts an electrode with a standard BNC connector. It amplifies a -450 mV ÷ +1,100 mV signal to the 0 ÷ 5 V range of the LabPro.

Instrumentation Amplifier

2313.80

Sensor to amplify chart recorder and many other instruments

The Instrumentation Amplifier monitors voltages from 20 mV to 1 V (DC or AC).
It has several switch settings to allow you to select the best gain. It is typically used to amplify the chart recorder or analogue output of any instrument (such as a Gas Chromatograph).

Thermocouple

2314.10

Sensor for temperature measurements

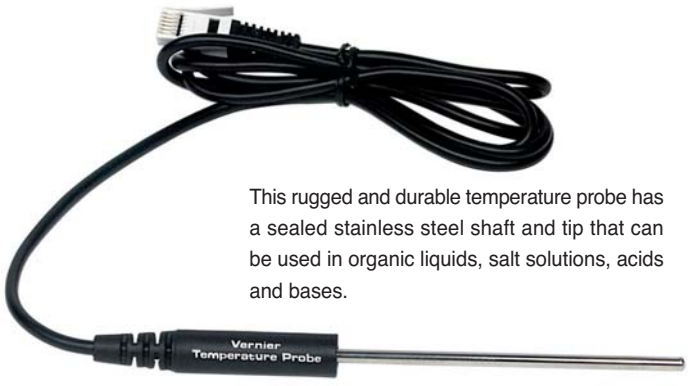
This sensor uses type-K thermocouple wire to measure temperatures over the range of -200 to 1,400°C.
It can be used to measure flame temperatures as high as 1,400°C, or liquid nitrogen temperatures at -196°C.
The Thermocouple has an internal ice-point compensation chip, so you do not need to place a reference wire in an ice-water bath.
You can simply use one measuring lead to take temperature readings.
Each Thermocouple is individually calibrated.

Specifications
Range: -200 ÷ 1,400°C
Typical Accuracy: 0 ÷ 900°C: ±2°C,
-200 ÷ 0°C: ±5°C, 900 ÷ 1,400°C: ±15°C

Stainless Steel Temperature Probe

2314.20

Rugged sensor for temperature measurements



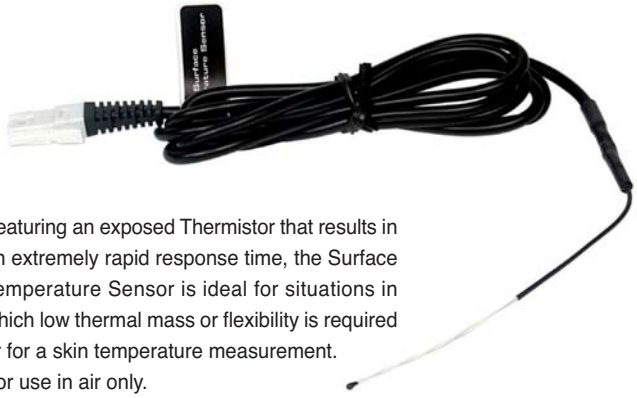
This rugged and durable temperature probe has a sealed stainless steel shaft and tip that can be used in organic liquids, salt solutions, acids and bases.

Specifications
Range: -40 ÷ 130°C
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 0.17°C (-40 ÷ 0°C), 0.03°C (0 ÷ 40°C), 0.1°C (40 ÷ 100°C), 0.25°C (100 ÷ 135°C)
10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 0.68°C (-40 ÷ 0°C), 0.12°C (0 ÷ 40°C), 0.4°C (40 ÷ 100°C)

Surface Temperature Sensor

2314.30

Versatile temperature sensor



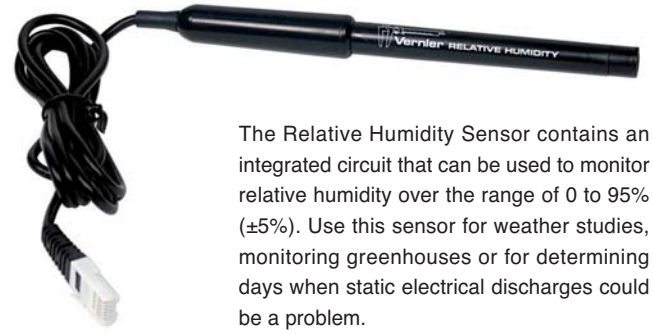
Featuring an exposed Thermistor that results in an extremely rapid response time, the Surface Temperature Sensor is ideal for situations in which low thermal mass or flexibility is required or for a skin temperature measurement.
For use in air only.

Specifications
Range: -25 ÷ 125°C
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 0.08°C (-25 ÷ 0°C), 0.03°C (0 ÷ 40°C), 0.1°C (40 ÷ 100°C), 0.25°C (100 ÷ 125°C)
10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 0.3°C (-25 ÷ 0°C), 0.12°C (0 ÷ 40°C), 0.4°C (40 ÷ 100°C), 1.0°C (100 ÷ 125°C)

Relative Humidity Sensor

2314.40

Ideal for environmental measurements



The Relative Humidity Sensor contains an integrated circuit that can be used to monitor relative humidity over the range of 0 to 95% (±5%). Use this sensor for weather studies, monitoring greenhouses or for determining days when static electrical discharges could be a problem.

Specifications

Range: 0 ÷ 100% – Typical Accuracy: ±5%

Light Sensor

2315.10

Sensor for experiments involving light

The Light Sensor emulates the human eye in spectral response and can be used over three different illumination ranges, which you select with a switch. Use it for inverse-square law experiments, studying polarizer, reflectivity, or solar energy.

Specifications

Low Range: 0 ÷ 600 lux – Medium Range: 0 ÷ 6,000 lux
High Range: 0 ÷ 150,000 lux

UVA and UVB Sensor

2315.20 - 21

Devices for measurements in the radiation field

Specifications

UVA Sensor (code 2315.20) – Range: 0 ÷ 18,000 mW/m2
Wavelength sensitivity region: approx. 320 to 390 nm
UV peak sensitivity: one volt per 3,940 mW/m2 at 340 nm
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 5 mW/m2
10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 20 mW/m2

UVB Sensor (code 2315.21) – Range: 0 ÷ 900 mW/m2
Wavelength sensitivity region: approx. 290 to 320 nm
UV peak sensitivity: one volt per 204 mW/m2 at 315 nm
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 0.3 mW/m2
10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 1 mW/m2

We have two different sensors for measuring the intensity of ultraviolet radiation.
One responds primarily to UVA radiation (320 to 390 nm), and another responds primarily to UVB radiation (290-320 nm).
UVB radiation is commonly associated with sunburns, cataracts and skin cancer.
UVA radiation, while responsible for suntans, is also a cause of premature aging of the skin and some types of skin cancer.
The particular sensor you use will depend upon the particular experiment you want to perform.
For example, you can perform the following experiments:

- Compare ultraviolet transmission of various plastics and glasses
- Compare ultraviolet intensity on cloudy and sunny days
- Study the absorption of ultraviolet by sunscreen lotions and clothing

Radiation Monitor (alpha, beta, gamma)

2316.10

For your radioactivity experiments

The Radiation Monitor consists of a Geiger-Müller tube and rate meter mounted in a small, rugged, plastic case with an analogue meter. The unit is battery operated and can be used without a computer for measurement of alpha, beta and gamma radiation. It can be used to explore radiation statistics, measure the rate of nuclear decay and monitor radon progenies.

pH Sensor

2317.10

The ideal sensor for pH measuring

NEW

The pH Sensor is a Ag-AgCl combination electrode with a range of 0 to 14 pH units. This high quality electrode has many uses in chemistry, biology, and middle school classes, as well as water quality monitoring.
Included is a convenient soaking bottle with storage solution.

Specifications

Response time: 90% of full reading in 1 sec. – Temp. range: 5 to 80°C
12-bit resolution: 0.005 pH units – Smart Sensor as of 5/2000

Conductivity Probe

2317.20

The ideal probe for environmental testing for salinity, total dissolved solids (TDS), or conductivity in water samples

NEW

Biology students can use this probe to demonstrate diffusion of ions through membranes or to monitor changes in ion levels in aquatic systems. Chemistry students can use it to investigate the difference between ionic and molecular compounds, strong and weak acids, or ionic compounds that yield different ratios of ions. The Conductivity Probe can monitor concentration or conductivity at three different sensitivity settings.

Specifications

Automatic Temp. Compensation 5° C ÷ 35 °C

Low Range: 0-200 µS/cm (0-100 mg/L TDS)
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 0.1 µS/cm – 10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 0.4 µS/cm

Medium Range: 0-2000 µS/cm (0-1000 mg/L TDS)
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 1 µS/cm – 10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 4 µS/cm

High Range: 0-20000 µS/cm (0-10000 mg/L TDS)
12-bit Resolution (LabPro, Go!Link): 10 µS/cm – 10-bit Resolution (CBL, CBL 2): 40 µS/cm

Go!Motion

2320.10

Easy to use and can connect direct to a USB port

Go!Motion is the next-generation motion detector from Vernier. Go!Motion connects directly to a computer's USB port, eliminating the need for a data-collection interface.
Go!Motion comes bundled with free LoggerLite software, which supports data collection on Windows or Macintosh computers.

- Teach important concepts in physics and physical science, such as position, velocity and acceleration
- Engage your students with hands-on activities
- Study the motion of a ball tossed in the air or a cart on a ramp
- Study the motion of a student walking, a toy car and much more… without an additional interface!

Specifications

Sensitivity switch lets you customise settings to your experiment – Objects can be as close as 15 cm and as far away as 6 m

Go!Temp

2320.20

USB temperature sensor

Go!Temp plugs directly into the USB port of your Windows or Macintosh computer's USB port without the need for an additional interface. This rugged, stainless-steel temperature probe will engage your students in hands-on science as they explore temperature investigations. Collect temperature data on your computer with our award-winning USB temperature sensor!

Go!Link

2320.30

Easy to connect and collect data

A quick and affordable way to get started with data-collection technology.
This single-channel USB interface is used by students to perform their own engineering experiments on or off campus. Students can use a Go!Link instead of a textbook for their course on sensors and data acquisition.
Use our LabVIEW drivers or LoggerPro software for data collection and analysis.
Sensors can be automatically recognized and calibrations automatically loaded.
Dozens of experiments from our popular lab books may be conducted using Go!Link.
Connect any one of the sensors to your computer and collect data such as light, pH, and more!

Logger Lite software, included in Go! sensors for a quick datalogging.

Digital Large Display

2236.60

A new way to show experiment results

NEW

The Digital Large Display is very useful in classroom experiments.
The first data visualization line with its four digit, 4 inch. height display has good visibility even from the back of the classroom. The measure units visualization line is a dot matrix assembly that can visualize every measure unit (e.g. µS/cm)

Main features

Two visualization lines - top line: Data (4 digits - 7 segments - 4 inch. high)
- bottom line: Measure Units (dot matrix segment - 3 inch. high)

Specifications
Available from November 2008
Dimensions: 40 x 26 cm
Mains supply: 110 V / 230 V, 50 ÷ 60 Hz

Altay Docking Station

2236.65

Low cost, high performance

Altay Docking Station works with:

- Vernier Dual-Range Force Sensor (code 2311.10)
- Vernier Gas Pressure Sensor (code 2311.40)
- Vernier Thermocouple (code 2314.10)
- Vernier Stainless Steel Temperature Probe (code 2314.20)
- Venier pH Sensor (code 2317.10)
- Vernier Conductivity Probe (code 2317.20)

Its easy-to-upgrade firmware will allow the adding of more compatible sensors.

NEW

The Altay Docking Station has been designed as a low cost solution to a data logging system.

Main features

- Large screen LCD for easy viewing of data
- Zero function
- Connectivity with Vernier sensors and all new future Altay Sensors
- ZIF Microprocessor easily replaceable by user
- Built in connection with Altay Digital Large Display (code 2336.60)

Specifications
Available from November 2008 – Mains supply: 110 V / 230 V, 50 ÷ 60 Hz

V, I, P and Phase Shift Meter

2276.10

A unique solution for electrical measurements needs

NEW

This table-top measuring instrument is the best solution you could have for a variety of electrical measurements: a unique apparatus with voltmeter, amperometer, wattmeter, frequency meter and phase shift meter. With its lcd display 16 x 2 and its robust plastic case, it's the easiest and most practical way to carry out a lot of experiments that normally require many different devices. Moreover a connection to the Digital Large Display (code 2236.60) is already built-in.

Specifications
Available from November 2008
Voltage: range 0 ÷ 30 V, resolution 0.04 V, frequency 20 ÷ 1000 Hz – Current: range 0 ÷ 10 A, resolution: 0.01 A, frequency 20 ÷ 1000 Hz
Phase angle: -90° ÷ +90° – Mains supply: 110 V / 230 V, 50 ÷ 60 Hz

GENERAL ACCESSORIES

Tape Measure

2211.10 - 15

Basic measuring tools for the school lab

A low cost flexible steel ruler ideal for any school laboratory.
Comes in different lengths with thumb lock.

Specifications
Length: 2 m (code 2211.10)
Length: 3 m (code 2211.12)
Length: 5 m (code 2211.15)

Micrometer Screw Gauge

2213.15

A precise instrument to measure thickness of a material

A Micrometer Screw Gauge, also called external micrometer, is typically used to measure wires, spheres, shafts and blocks. This instrument will give measurement of extremely high accuracy.

Specifications
Range: 0 ÷ 25 mm – Sensitivity: 0.01 mm

Micrometer Dial Gauge

2214.00

Length comparator

The Micrometer Dial Gauge allows precise measurements of differences in length.
It is very useful in the study of the thermal expansion in solids.

Specifications
Range: 0 ÷ 10 mm – Sensitivity: 0.01 mm

Vernier Caliper

2213.10

The original accurate measuring tool

The Vernier Caliper is an extremely precise measuring instrument; the reading error is 0.05 mm.
The Vernier Caliper is easy to use and is very similar to a slide rule. You simply move the sliding scale against the fixed and as the graduations match up and align, this is your reading!

Specifications
Range: 0 ÷ 160 mm – Sensitivity: 0.05 mm

Goniometric Circle

2216.10

Angle measurement instrument

The Goniometric Circle is an useful device for measure angles. The yellow - blue scale facilitates the measure. For example, this instrument is used in Mechanics System 1 for the parallelogram of forces experiment. Also available Magnetic Goniometric Circle (code 2216.15).

Specifications
Range: 0 ÷ 360° – Sensitivity: 1°

Spherometer

2215.01

Precisely measure curve surfaces

The Spherometer is used for the precise measurement of the radius of a sphere or the thickness of a thin plate. It consists of a fine screw moving in a nut carried on the centre of a small three-legged table. In order to measure the curvature of the surface, the object is placed centred under the Spherometer and the screw turned until the point just touches it.

Specifications
Range: -10 ÷ +10 mm – Sensitivity: 0.005 mm

Ohaus Dial-O-Gram® Balance

2218.00

Mechanical balance

Features include:
- Two graduated, notched beams with centre indicating sliding poise
- Undivided tare beam with sliding poise
- Magnetic damping
- Zero adjust compensator equipped for specific gravity weighing – 1/2" hole in base for lab rod, provision for suspending sample below platform
- Die cast aluminium box and beam.

Ideal for school laboratories, the convenience and speed of a direct reading dial calibrated 10 g x 0.1 g, makes this balance one of the most popular in schools worldwide.
The Dial-O-Gram® Balance provides the convenience of a top loading balance with the durability and versatility to accommodate a range of lab applications.
All models have a tare beam to allow containers up to 225 g to be weighed accurately.
The Dial-O-Gram® Balance combines the versatility of even arm balance and the speed and convenience of a dial reading of up to 100 g.

Specifications
Capacity: with optional attachment weight set, 2,610 g; without, 610 g – Sensitivity: 0.1 g
Graduations: centre beam 500 g x 100 g; rear beam 100 g x 10 g; dial 10 g x 0.1 g – Tare: 225 g

Ohaus Cent-O-Gram® Balance

2218.10

All day use mechanical balance

The Ohaus Cent-O-Gram® Balance is a favorite in classrooms and industries worldwide.
The Cent-O-Gram® Balance offers high precision and remarkable value. The three-point base, special floating bearing principle and beam design eliminates the need for level adjustment.
Zeroing is quickly achieved by means of a zero adjust knob at the end of the beam. With aluminum pressure castings for the base and beam assembly, agate bearings, steel knife-edges, and stainless steel pan, everything about the Cent-O-Gram® Balance ensures a high standard of quality.

Specifications
Capacity: 311 g – Sensitivity: 0.01 g
Graduations: front beam 1 g x 0.01 g;
second beam 10 g x 1 g; third beam 100 g x 10 g;
rear beam 200 g x 100 g

Ohaus Triple Beam Balance

2218.20

Classical mechanical balance

Whether you're weighing solids, liquids, powders or even animals, an Ohaus Triple Beam balance is well-equipped to handle the job.
This series provides the convenience of a top loading balance with the durability and versatility to accommodate a range of lab applications.
The Triple Beam Balance Series is known world wide for its durability and versatility to accommodate a range of lab applications.
Main characteristics are: removable stainless steel pan, three notched and tiered beams with centre reading and spring loaded zero adjust compensator.

Specifications
Capacity: with optional attachment weight set, 2,610 g; without 610 g – Sensitivity: 0.1 g
Graduations: front beam 10 g x 0.1 g; second beam 500 g x 100 g; rear beam 100 g x 10 g
Platform size: 6 x 0.8 cm (dia. x depth)

Altay Electronic Balance

2219.30 - 34

Higher accuracy balance

A high quality electronic balance for schools laboratory usage. Simple to use and calibrate, provides high-precision measurements.

Specifications
Capacity: 300 g – Sensitivity: 0.01 g

Also available:
Capacity 200 g – Sensitivity 0.01 g (code 2219.31)
Capacity 500 g – Sensitivity 0.01 g (code 2219.32)
Capacity 1 kg – Sensitivity 0.01 g (code 2219.33)
Capacity 2 kg – Sensitivity 0.01 g (code 2219.34)

Ohaus Scout® Pro Balance

2219.60 - 66

Top quality balance

Accurate and immediate weight measures in laboratory, industrial or education applications, the Ohaus Scout Pro continues the tradition set by the Ohaus Scout and Scout II products.
Featuring easy-to-use two-button operation, a high-contrast LCD display, multiple weighing units, four application modes, and the option of either RS232 or USB connectivity, the Scout Pro Balance is the high quality portable balance for daily use.

Specifications
Capacity: 200 g – Sensitivity: 0.01 g

Also available:
Capacity 400 g – Sensitivity 0.01 g (code 2219.61)
Capacity 400 g – Sensitivity 0.1 g (code 2219.62)
Capacity 600 g – Sensitivity 0.1 g (code 2219.63)
Capacity 2 kg – Sensitivity 0.1 g (code 2219.64)
Capacity 4 kg – Sensitivity 0.1 g (code 2219.65)
Capacity 6 kg – Sensitivity 1 g (code 2219.66)

Precision Mass Set

2220.60 - 66

Precision Mass Sets

A complete set of masses for daily use in laboratory. Available with different masses set, from 1 mg to 1 kg.

Specifications
Range: 1 mg ÷ 50 g

Also available:
Range 10 mg ÷ 100 g (code 2220.61)
Range 1 g ÷ 500 g (code 2220.64)
Range 1 g ÷ 1 kg (code 2220.66)

U-Tube Manometer

2242.20

A manometer made from a glass U-tube, with a valve attached to a metric scale plate mounted on a secure base.
The measured pressure is applied to one side of the tube whilst the reference pressure (which may be atmospheric) is applied to the other.
The difference in liquid level represents the applied pressure.

Specifications
Range: 0 ÷ 100 mm – Sensitivity: 1 mm

Mercury Barometer

2242.50

A classical instrument for air pressure mesurements

NEW

For exact measurements of air pressure and for calibrating aneroid barometers.
Consists of a barometer tube mounted on wooden backboard, with one fixed scale and one sliding scale.The fixed scale indicates the height above the sea level (from 0 to 1700 m), mmHg values (from 620 to 800) and millibar (from 820 to 1070).
The sliding scale, that allows the calibration of the instrument according to the height above sea level, indicates mmHg (from 700 to 790) and millibar (from 930 to 1050).
A pointer sliding on the tube may be set at the pressure most recently observed.
Range -10 to +60°C with 1°C divisions.

Specifications
Height: 940 mm
Fixed scale: Height 0 ÷ 1700 m – Pressure 620 ÷ 800 mmHg (820 ÷ 1070 millibar)
Sliding scale: Pressure 700 ÷ 790 mmHg (930 ÷ 1050 millibar)
Range: -10°C ÷ +60°C – Accuracy 1°C

Barometer

2242.62

NEW

A complete solution for measuring pressure, temperature and humidity

Complete with thermometer and hygrometer with wooden frame.

Specifications
Dial diameter: 140 mm – Pressure: 973 ÷ 1053 millibar
Temperature: -25° ÷ 65° C – Humidity: 0% ÷ 100%

Tubular Spring Balances (Metal)

4110.01 - 07

Dynamometer

A range of spring balances constructed with high quality tubular metal case, with load hook and suspension ring.
Each balance is dual scaled in Newton and grams, with zero adjustment and protection against over load.
Available in different ranges and colour coded for convenience.

Specifications
Range: 1 N (code 4110.01, **available from July 2008**) – Range: 3 N (code 4110.03) – Range: 6 N (code 4110.05) – Range: 10 N (code 4110.07)
For additional ranges, please contact our sales department

Tubular Spring Balances (Plastic)

4110.20 - 24

Dynamometer

A range of spring balances constructed with high quality and attractive clear plastic case, with load hook and suspension ring.
Each balance is dual scaled in Newtons and grams, with zero adjustment and protection against over load.
Available in different ranges and colour coded for convenience.

Specifications
Range: 1 N (code 4110.20) – Range: 2.5 N (code 4110.21) – Range: 5 N (code 4110.22) – Range: 10 N (code 4110.23) – Range: 20 N (code 4110.24)
For additional ranges, please contact our sales department

Stopwatch

2231.25

The best solution for schools and laboratories. Easy to use and accurate.

Specifications

Range: 0 ÷ 60 sec, 1 ÷ 100 min – Accuracy: 1 sec

Analogue Chronometer

2231.05

Mechanical stopwatch for time measurement.

Specifications

Main quadrant: 0 ÷ 60 sec
Secondary quadrant: 0 ÷ 30 min
Sensitivity: 0.1 sec

Digital Chronometer

2231.52

Handy to use LCD stopwatch with single memory function.

Specifications

Accuracy: 0.01 sec

Electronic Digital Timer

2232.50

For dynamics experiments

Designed as a portable smart timer for kinematics experiments, the accuracy is crystal controlled giving 0.01% accuracy for timing experiments. Timer system can be used with up to two photo-gates, or additional inputs from a GM Tube, Time of Flight accessory, pulley systems and so on. The Timer is easy to set up and can measure speed and acceleration as well as time.
The Electronic Digital Timer is compatible with Altay Docking Station (code 2236.65) and Digital Large Display (code 2236.60).

Specifications

• Two function modes: measurement of the time interval between two pulses (determination of average velocity) or the duration of a pulse (determination of instantaneous velocity) • Two input gates • Three timing ranges: 1/10 s (up to 999.9 s), 1/100 s (up to 99.99 s), 1/1000 s (up to 9.999 s) • Large (20 mm) four digit display with over range indicator • Automatic or manual reset feature • Two start mode: chronometer and simultaneous electromagnet release or only electromagnet release • Auxiliary 12 V DC power supply unit for use with release electromagnet • Input: 220 V, 50 - 60 Hz

Photogate

2232.52

Photogate to be used with the Electronic Digital Timer (code 2232.50).
(Comes with Varec magnet for an easy setup).

Large Display

2236.50

The Altay Large LED Display is very useful in classroom experiments. This four digit, 10 cm height display has good visibility even from the back of classroom. Ready to use, with bases and suspension cord. To be used with the Electronic Digital Timer (code 2232.50).

Specifications

Power Supply: AC Adaptor (supplied)
Connection cable (supplied) to connect Electronic Digital Timer (code 2232.50)

Electronic Oscillation Counter

2237.12

The Electronic Oscillation Counter can be used with the Electronic Digital Timer (code 2232.50). You can control oscillations for pendulum experiments, allowing you to easily measure the mean oscillation period of a pendulum.

Specifications

Range: 0 ÷ 100 periods – Manual stop function
Automatic stop function after: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 oscillations – Power Supply: Digital Electronic Timer (code 2232.50)

Mounted Electric Meters

2264.40 - 45

A complete set of ammeters and voltmeters for every necessity in measuring electrical quantities on low voltage circuits (max 50 V). Based on a moving coil, this instrument allows an easy read of the measure value.
The ABS plastic boxes are of practical use in laboratory and the 4 mm sockets allow an easy mount to circuits with simple connection wires.
The code refers to the category, please contact our sales department.

Main ranges are 0 ÷ 1 A, 0 ÷ 1 V, 0 ÷ 5 A, 0 ÷ 5 V, 0 ÷ 15 A, 0 ÷ 15 V
Available all in AC and DC modes.

Specifications
Dimensions: 13.5 x 10 x 5.5 cm – Plugs: 4 mm sockets

Analogue Multimeter

2274.10

Analogue Multimeter, perfect for laboratory use.

Specifications
Ranges:
DC Volts: 0 ÷ 0,6 V, 3 V, 12 V, 60 V, 300 V, 1 kV, ±3%
AC Volts: 0 ÷ 12 V, 30 V, 120 V, 300 V, 1 kV, ±4%
Resistance: 0 ÷ 50 MΩ, ±3
Transistor check: NPN or PNP

Digital Teslameter

2280.50

All in one solution for measuring alternating and direct magnetic fields. With digital display, zero point adjustment, analogue output. Supplied with probe, and power supply.
The Digital Teslameter is compatible with Altay Docking Station (code 2236.65) and Digital Large Display (code 2236.60).

Specifications
Ranges: 20 mT, 200 mT, 2,000 mT

Digital Multimeter

2275.10

Designed according to IEC – 1010, Cat II, Pollution 2, this multimeter is capable of performing functions such as: • DC and AC voltage and current measurement • Resistance, capacitance measurement • Diode, transistor and audible continuity test • Frequency and temperature measurement

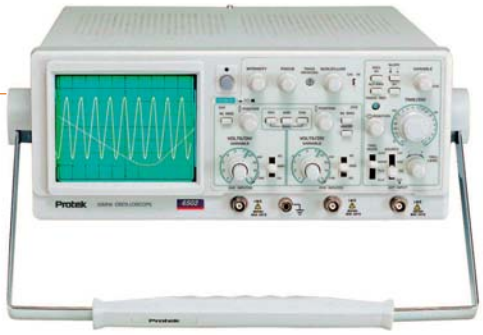
Specifications
Ranges: AC: 20 mA, 200 mA, 10 A – 2 V, 20 V, 200 V, 700 V
DC: 2 mA, 20 mA, 200 mA, 10 A – 200 mV, 2 V, 20 V, 200 V, 1 kV
Ohm: 200 Ω, 2 kΩ, 20 kΩ, 200 kΩ, 2 MΩ, 20 MΩ, 200 MΩ
Farad: 2 nF, 20 nF, 200 nF, 2 μF, 20 μF

Oscilloscope

2280.70 - 90

This cathode ray Oscilloscope is fundamental in all electronic labs for circuit tests.
The Oscilloscope allows signal voltages to be viewed, as a two-dimensional graph of one or more electrical potential differences (vertical axis) plotted as a function of time or of some other voltage (horizontal axis).

Technical datasheet available on request.



Specifications
• 20 Mhz max operating frequency
• Two Channels, Four Traces
• x5 Magnifier • X-Y Operation

Also available:
40 Mhz Oscilloscope (code 2280.80)
100 Mhz Oscilloscope (code 2280.90)

Maximum and Minimum Thermometer

2241.32

A simple thermometer for measuring temperatures of both maximum and minimum levels over a period of time.
Mounted on a plastic base, with max/min indicators and a reset push button.

Ideal for study of outdoor temperatures over time

Specifications
Range: -40°C ÷ +50°C

Geiger Müller Counter

2236.00

A simple radiation measuring instrument

The Altay Geiger Müller Counter detects radioactivity data from alpha, beta and gamma sources. You can also analyse the data received with our all in one unit. The probe contains a Geiger-Müller tube which briefly conducts electricity when a particle or photon of radiation is detected. An audible sound is released and the rate counter records the reading. The Geiger-Müller Counter is compatible with Altay Docking Station (code 2236.65) and Digital Large Display (code 2236.60).

Specifications

• On-off switch • Manual start • x1, x2, x3, x4, x5 acquisition time multipliers
• Automatic stop after 10 and 60 sec intervals or manual stop

Mercury Thermometer

2240.10 - 50

Measure temperature (-10° to + 110° and over)

This thermometer consists of mercury in a glass tube.
Calibrated marks on the tube allow the temperature to be read by the length of the mercury within the tube, which varies directly with temperature.
All thermometers are supplied with a plastic case in many different ranges.

Specifications

Range: -10°C ÷ +50°C	Accuracy: 1°C	(code 2240.10)
Range: -10°C ÷ +110°C	Accuracy: 1°C	(code 2240.15)
Range: -10°C ÷ +150°C	Accuracy: 1°C	(code 2240.20)
Range: -10°C ÷ +250°C	Accuracy: 1°C	(code 2240.25)
Range: -10°C ÷ +420°C	Accuracy: 1°C	(code 2240.28)
Range: -10°C ÷ +50°C	Accuracy: 0.1°C	(code 2240.30)
Range: -10°C ÷ +110°C	Accuracy: 0.1°C	(code 2240.37)
Range: -5°C ÷ +5°C	Accuracy: 0.05°C	(code 2240.50)

Other types available on request, please call sales office.

Alcohol Thermometer

2245.10 - 25

Measure temperature

NEW

Those mercury-free thermometers allow simply and accurate temperature measurements. The use of alcohol instead of mercury guarantees safety and non-toxicity even in case of accidental breakage of the thermometer. Available with different ranges and accuracies.

Specifications

Range: -10°C ÷ +110°C	Accuracy: 1°C	(code 2245.15)
Range: -10°C ÷ +200°C	Accuracy: 2°C	(code 2245.25)

Other types available on request, please call sales office.

Function Generator

2290.10

Advanced functions generator for circuit tests

This Function Generator is a crucial part of any electronics lab for testing circuits.
This unit offers a complete solution in generating sine, triangle, square, ramp and pulse signals.
Features include: gate and trigger outputs, burst waveform outputs, sweep functions, VCG inputs, GCV functions, AM modulations, frequency counters and much more.

Specifications

Input: 220 V, 50 Hz
Output: Frequency Range: 0.01 ÷ 10 Mhz
Amplitude Range: 10 Vpp 50 Ω
Output Impedance: 50 Ω ± 10%
Complete datasheet available on request

Audio Frequency Generator

2290.50

Ideal for generating different frequencies in circuits

The versatile Audio Frequency Generator is indispensable in electronics labs.
Ideal for testing circuits, with its multiple function and frequency outputs it is an absolute must to teaching labs.

Specifications

Input: 220 V, 50 Hz
Waveform: sine, square, triangular
Frequency Range: 10 ÷ 200 Hz, 100 ÷ 2 kHz, 1 kHz ÷ 20 kHz
Amplitude Range: 0 ÷ 20 Vpp – Output Impedance: 4 Ω, 600 Ω

Transformer (12 V)

2403.14 - 24

AC Transformer for multiple applications

This general purpose 12 V AC Transformer is useful in many applications in schools, as supply unit for lamps, circuits and so on.
Enclosed in a sturdy ABS box, it has 4 mm sockets for connections, an on-off switch and fuse for high current protection.

Specifications

Input: 220 V AC 50 Hz
Output: 12 V AC 2.5 A Max

Also available:
Input: 110 V AC, 60 Hz (code 2403.24)

Multitap Transformer

2403.50

A general purpose laboratory transformer

This transformer is very useful in physics, electricity and electronics laboratories for multiple outputs at different voltages.

Specifications
Input: 220 V, 50 Hz
Outputs: 0, 4, 6, 9, 12 V AC
Current output 2 A Max
In plastic case, with on-off switch, 4 mm output sockets, fuse and cables

Low Tension Power Supply Unit

2408.00

Low tension laboratory power supply unit

This unit supplies the voltages most commonly used in laboratories.
In the front panel you can find a current or tension regulator, 4 mm plugs for variable AC, DC and fixed AC outputs, voltmeter and ammeter for output current and tension measures.

Specifications
Input: 220 V, 50 Hz
Output ranges: 0 ÷ 30 V DC, 10 A, continuously adjustable
0 ÷ 22 V AC, 10 A, continuously adjustable
6 V, 5 A AC, fixed
Protection: Magnetothermic circuit breaker
1.5 A fuse for variable outputs
6.3 A fuse for fixed outputs

Regulated 5 kV Power Supply Unit

2407.01

Designed for power supply to spectrum lamps

This power supply unit has been specially designed as a power source for spectrum lamps and discharge tubes. It supplies high tension up to 5 kV, or even more if used in combination with a controlled AC-DC converter.
Both the LT and HT outputs are floating and the current from the HT output is limited to safe levels by the unit.

Specifications
Input: 220 V, 50 Hz
Output ranges: HT 0 ÷ 5 kV DC, 3 mA, continuously variable
LT 6 V AC, insulated from 5 kV
Electronic with 1 A fuse protection
Comes complete with high tension cables

Low Voltage Power Supply

2408.10

A low tension power supply unit for laboratory needs

NEW

Supplies the low voltages most commonly used in the laboratory. Protected against overload.
The front panel of the metal case has two meters indicating output current and voltage of output 2.
The front panel also houses output sockets. Reset and ON-OFF switch.

Specifications
Input: 220 V, 50 Hz
Output ranges: 2-4-6-8-10-12-14-18 V AC, 10 A
2-4-6-8-10-12-14-18 V DC, 10 A
6 V, 10 A AC, fixed

Power Supply 30 A

2407.60

The ideal solution for high current requests

NEW

This power supply is great for powering all kinds of electronic projects, providing a well filtered 5 V at 30 A current.
Really useful for those items needing high currents, like Barlow's Wheel (code 4645.02) or Magnetics System 2 (code 4867.20).

Specifications
Input: 110/220 V, 50/60 Hz
Output: 5 V DC, 30 A, 150 W
Overload protection
Low ripple and noise

Regulated AC/DC Power Supply Unit

2409.20

Stabilised current and tension in labs

Specially designed for use in physics and electronics labs, this power supply unit has 1.5 A Max current stabilised output.
Voltage and current are displayed on the two dial indicators.
The front panel contains outputs for circuits and electromagnets.

Specifications
DC Output: Range: 0 ÷ 12 V, 0 ÷ 1.5 A
AC Output: Range: 6 V, 12 V
4 mm sockets outputs
Housed in box with on-off switch and fuse
Also available with large four digit LED display instead of analogue meters

Connecting Leads

2522.02 - 14

Fundamental to all electrical and electronics experiments

These flexible leads allow rapid connection with low contact resistance between laboratory equipment.
Fitted with four mm stackable plugs at each end.
Available in different lengths and terminals, also crocodile clips and banana plugs.

Specifications

Red	Length 25 cm	(code 2522.02)
Red	Length 50 cm	(code 2522.03)
Red	Length 100 cm	(code 2522.04)
Black	Length 25 cm	(code 2522.07)
Black	Length 50 cm	(code 2522.08)
Black	Length 100 cm	(code 2522.09)
Yellow	Length 25 cm	(code 2522.12)
Yellow	Length 50 cm	(code 2522.13)
Yellow	Length 100 cm	(code 2522.14)

Universal Base

5405.70 - 74

Universal base designed for a wide variety of uses

Single base.

Base mount sample.

Very stable and versatile, this base allows the simultaneous use of two vertical rods of variable height between 20 and 300 mm.
Very easy and fast to use, simple to break down and store away.

Specifications

Complete Universal Base	(code 5405.70)
Universal Base with 3 Knobs	(code 5405.71)
Universal Base with 2 Knobs	(code 5405.72)
Universal Base with 1 Knobs	(code 5405.73)
Universal Base	(code 5405.74)

Universal Retort Stand

5404.52 - 60

General purpose retort stand with a single vertical rod

High quality enamel finished cast iron stands provided with a threaded chromium-plated rod, are particularly suitable for use with ring supports, burette clamps or other similar supports.

Specifications

Base 170 x 150 mm	Rod lenght 500 mm	(code 5404.52)
Base 252 x 163 mm	Rod lenght 650 mm	(code 5404.55)
Base 317 x 200 mm	Rod lenght 800 mm	(code 5404.60)

Metal Bosshead

5401.20

NEW

Metal bosshead allows the clamping of two rods (diameter up to 10 mm) with an angle of 0° or 90°.
Easy to use and strong, for heavy duty purposes.

Specifications

Measures: 40 x 20 x 20 mm
Allows clamping of rods up to 10 mm diam.

Laboratory Jack

5406.30 - 34

Specifications

10 x 10 cm, 4.5 ÷ 14 cm height (code 5406.30)
15 x 15 cm, 5.5 ÷ 26 cm height (code 5406.32)
20 x 20 cm, 6 ÷ 29.5 cm height (code 5406.34)

The laboratory jacks, are designed with strength, precision, safety, easy handling, stability and resistance to chemical aggression in mind.
They can be used as ideal supports for precise vertical adjustment of laboratory equipment, hot plates, baths, flasks and other glassware in general.

Bosshead

5401.22

This Bosshead is the simplest solution to clamp 10 mm diameter rods.
Made of hard PVC, is inexpensive but really durable.

NEW

Squared Bosshead

5401.23

ABS plastic. Only one securing screw for simultaneous clamping of two pairs of rods, 10 mm diameter, at 90°.
This item is specifically designed to be used with the multiuse Universal Base (code 5405.70) for a quick set up of experimental environment.

Swivel Bosshead

5401.43

ABS plastic. Only one securing screw for simultaneous clamping and varying inclination of two rods, 10 mm diameter.
This item is specifically designed to be used with the multiuse Universal Base (code 5405.70) for a quick set up of an experimental environment.

Rods

5408.81.L350 - L1000

Specifications

Length 35 cm	(code 5408.81.L350)
Length 50 cm	(code 5408.81.L500)
Length 100 cm	(code 5408.81.L1000)

Altay offers a wide range of support rods. They are robust and perfect to use with the Multiuse Universal Base (code 5405.70) or Squared and Swivel Bossheads (code 5401.23 – 5401.43) for a quick set up of an experimental environment.

Vacuum Pump

4184.21

Specially designed pump that removes gas molecules from a sealed volume in order to leave behind a partial vacuum.

Specifications
Air bleeding speed: 1.5 m^3/h
Pressure limit: 10 ÷ 30 Pa
Noise: ≤ 65 dB
Size: 27 x 11 x 22 cm
Weight: approx. 7.5 kg

Bunsen Burner with Accessories

5511.00

General purpose Bunsen Burner for thermology experiments

The multigas Bunsen Burner is available in nickel-plated brass on a chromium plated steel base. The unit also comes with a gas control stopcock and air regulator. Supplied with tripod stand, wire gauze and connecting tube.

Manual Vacuum Pump

4184.12

This simple and low-cost pump is capable of handling all laboratory experiments not requiring a vacuum below a few millimetres of mercury. Since the pump is hand operated and of sturdy construction, it can be easily used by students and presents no maintenance problems.

Specifications
Dimensions: length 395 mm, diam. 38 mm
Chamber volume: approx. 350 cm^3
Weight: 4,5 kg

Mercury

4207.55

Used with the U-Tube manometer for measuring pressure. Mercury is needed in many laboratory experiments.
WARNING: Handle with care and always secure container to avoid spills and evaporation. Mercury vapour is toxic, carry out experiments with adequate ventilation in order to avoid human exposure.

Specifications: weight 500 g

Iron Filings

4612.12

Iron Filings are essential to every magnetic experiment.

Specifications: weight: 300 g

Extension Clamp with Rod

5416.20

Extension clamps are available in painted aluminium in various sizes. Ranging from a minimum of 5 mm to a maximum of 80 mm. Clamps have cork-lined jaws that make them particularly suitable when holding glassware. This item is available in different lengths and diameter, and is perfect for use with the Squared and Swivel Bossheads (code 5401.23 – 5401.43). The code refers to the category.

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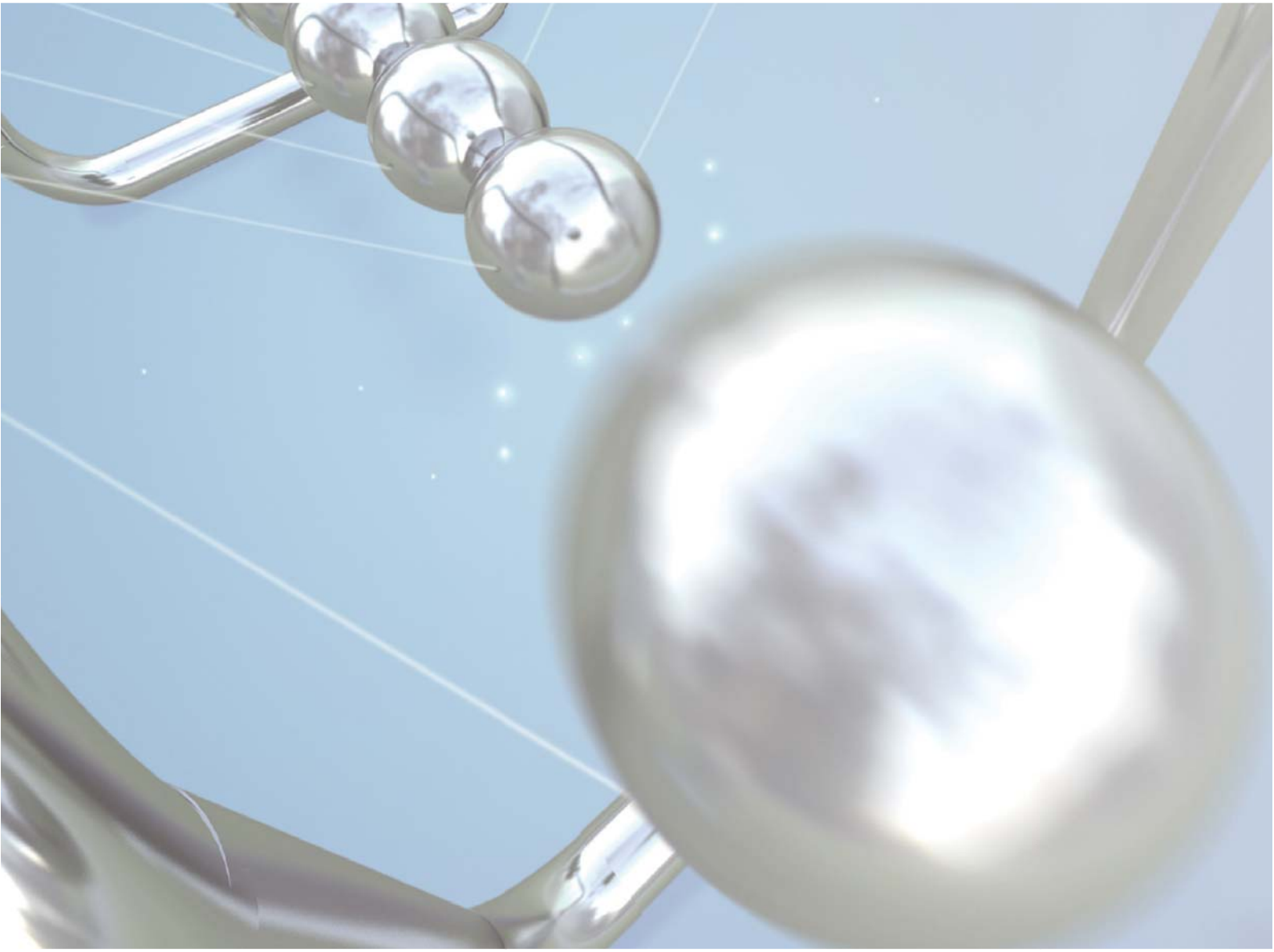

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